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Covid-19 has had a profound effect on my life this year. Senior year is a very important year for everyone. For many, it is a year of easy classes, a time to hang out with friends, and a time for becoming a legal adult. I had no idea that one week before spring break that I was in the last class of my high school career. At the moment I was getting ready to go get some food, go home, then come back the next day but instead, I unknowingly said goodbye to many people that I wanted to get to know better. At home, we got an email that we would not be coming back until after the break ended three weeks later, but three weeks later we did not go back because the school had been moved entirely online from that point forward. This online move also came with a move to pass/fail so the teachers allowed seniors to not have to do work if we were passing the class before we were sent out of school. The only class that I had a required assignment was AP calculus where I had the AP exam, but I had not retained all the information I needed to do well. As the test came around, I took it and had little idea what I was being asked to do. Luckily, I was able to apply to take it again since my house was noisy and I was not able to concentrate while I was working. The second time around I had the house mostly to myself and it was quiet, so I feel that I did better. Around the same time, I had finished my application and been accepted to ECU, where we were set to return to school in a few months. August arrived and I made my way to campus very excited for this new chapter in my life and the idea of almost being an adult. I got to live on my own, with my roommate and had a very laid-back learning experience with all the free time and little responsibility. Along with the healthy work environment, the school gave me an avenue for a, mildly, healthy lifestyle where I did not overeat or eat too much fast food and I exercised while walking to my friend's dorm across campus. This healthy lifestyle was then cut short by the rising number of cases popping up all around campus. I was sent home to do all my classes online at home. This change was not the best for my productivity as when I am at home I, for whatever reason, feel less motivated to work. I have made steps to overcome this lack of motivation, but I can still have a hard time with creativity when it comes to these writing assignments. This pandemic has made this past year very different for students forcing them to make changes and adapt to new circumstances that they may not be too pleased with. I have hope that this next semester or the next school year will run more smoothly and that the pandemic will die down, or at least be controlled better.