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I vividly remember when I started to realize that Covid-19 was going to have an impact on my life. It was somewhere in the time that my school had been given two weeks off for the Covid outbreak. I showed up to high school baseball practice with a few of my friends who were on the team. My coach wasn’t there which was weird because he was never late. While we were waiting, I got a voicemail from the school. The voicemail said that all sports were being put on hold until further notice. This absolutely sucked for me I looked forward to baseball more than anything else in high school. At this point in the season, we had only played 5 games, and we were doing very well. My senior year of high school was relatively easy, I had two classes and one of those classes was advisory. I would go to school in the morning and be done by around eleven, then I would leave and go to work with my dad for his construction business. During the two-week period off of school when everyone was completely oblivious to the massive impact this pandemic would have on our life’s schoolwork was light for me. I didn’t have any zoom meetings and I usually had one assignment a day from the history class that I was taking. Without having baseball to do in the evenings I went to work helping my dad full time.

Nearing the end of the two-week period it was announced that school and all extra circulars relating to school including baseball were canceled for the rest of the year. This was a major shock to me; my senior year had been ruined. I missed out on senior week at school, senior pranks, senior night for baseball, and my last high school baseball game. One bright side did emerge, we were going to have graduation. My graduation was super cool. It was a drive through graduation, so my family were all in the car with me and it was very simple. I got to see all of the people in my class and that night me and my close friends had a small party.

During the summer life was very normal it wasn’t much different than any other summer. I went to work on the weekdays and on the weekends, I was usually on the lake. The only major changes were wearing masks into stores and not being able to sit down and eat at restaurants. Summer went by very quickly from what I remember and then I was off to college. I still remember the day I left for college all of my friends were really excited but for me it was just another day. I loved being home with all of my friends and with the lake so much I was kind of sad to let it go. I knew going in I was suppose wear a mask everywhere on campus which was a hassle, but it wasn’t all that bad. I enjoyed walking around campus, and I made a few new friends. But campus life was over very quick, by the second week everyone was sent home because of a big covid outbreak spreading through campus.

For me being sent home wasn’t the worst thing in the world. I enjoyed being at home and while I was there, I was able to work and do my schoolwork balancing both very well. Most of my friends were also back home for collage for the fall semester so I had plenty of fun with them. The fall semester also went by very fast with no huge highlights. Christmas is my favorite time of year, but it seemed somehow different. We didn’t have a big family gathering that we normally do every year and the Christmas and New year’s party that we have at my house was significantly smaller than normal. I did however enjoy the nice long 2-month break that we got for the holidays with no schoolwork to do.

Moving into the new semester me and a couple of my friends leased an apartment in Greenville that I was very excited about. I was kind of bummed that no classes would be in person, but I found other ways to be social and get out of the house. I started going to the gym on campus five days a week which is something that I have fallen in love with and can’t imagine missing a day of. I also took up golfing which is really fun. I’m still not very good but I enjoy it and go about twice a week. The school year is almost over, and it’s been a good one regardless to the pandemic. Hopefully this will all be over very soon, and we can start doing classes in person. Some things will return to normal, but somethings will be changed forever we will just have to adapt together.