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Throughout my narrative I will be talking about what it's like being in college during a pandemic, what life lessons I have learned over the past year, how was graduating high school during a pandemic and what my thoughts and feelings are toward the disease. Recently I just graduated from high school in 2020. I remember the two weeks we were set to be out of school because of the virus not knowing that this would be my final time going to school for the remainder of the year. I remember being so ecstatic about the two-week break hoping it’ll never end, not knowing I would regret that later down the road. Soon enough it was May, and I was set to graduate High school. Graduation wasn’t what I saw for myself 4 years prior. I always thought it would look something like the ones in movies, but I was wrong. Graduation consisted of you, your family, and the staff. We weren’t allowed to be together during graduation and that was something that I yearned for. My actual graduation came when I graduated from community college earlier this year. It felt real and authentic. We got to walk across the stage and receive our degree. A lot of things have changed within a year’s time. I’ve learned a lot throughout this pandemic. One of the biggest things that stand out to me about being in college while going through a pandemic would be that I'm not on campus. Due to the virus, I didn’t want to be on campus because I knew that would cause unnecessary interaction with people that could potentially have covid and I really didn’t want to take that risk. I really wish I could be on campus, but I wanted to take safety measures to ensure my safety and health even though it would be nice to be on campus, but my health comes first. One specific life lesson that I learned from covid would be to be grateful and thankful for your life as well as the people around you. This pandemic made me actually sit down and realize that life is very short, and you have to live it to the best of your ability because you’re not promised tomorrow. In my opinion Covid- 19 is one of the worst things that ever happened to us. We have lost so many people in the matter of 2 years and that terribly saddens me. Life changed so quickly due to covid. We changed our way of living within a matter of months. Things went from full interactions with people to being completely locked down and in chaos to purchase simple daily items we’d never thought we’d run out of. I hope and pray that things will get better with time. In closing, Covid- 19 has not just impacted me, but it has also impacted others. It was a very large eye opener for me. I learned that life should never be taken for granted nor the people around you.