CoVID-19 Community Collecting Project Thomas Gaylord

CoVID-19 has impacted my life, schoolwork, and health. Throughout these past few months being an incoming freshman in college expecting to open a new chapter in my life was somewhat put to a halt. Although being able to take online classes many struggles come along with that also. From being a very social person, hanging out with friends, playing sports and taking any opportunity to have a good time. Within this new world we've had to live in social distancing and keeping yourself away from others it caused me to miss out on many activities and opportunities. Although the most impacted has been my social life, learning at a college level with much harder assignments and knowledge to learn has been a struggle having to soak all this information up through a computer. Personally, being in school these past 12 years in person I learn much better visually and in person on paper. Keeping up with multiple classes on multiple websites and apps, countless emails, due dates and assignments and communication through to teachers and the school all located on my little laptop. It's caused me a lot of stress and to be specific an everyday life accident if you charger is broken or leave your laptop somewhere you can't attend your class and it's very easy to fall behind even with class recordings. Classes like statistics for example is challenging for me even with online recourses personally for me learning math online along with other classes that would be much easier to learn in person and really retaining that knowledge. On the other hand, being locked up in my house in my room taking classes alone being isolated is a different feel, much different from being able to interact with classmates and teachers much better in person. Although this pandemic has taught me a lot its taken a lot from me. I've missed out on many memorable vacations I would have went on with friends and family, lost my football season in which I haven't gone a year without football for 10 years and that's what keeps me together. Football has taken over my life and has taught me many values, kept me busy and made me a better person. Without football and getting to meet my team and build a bond with them I'm left back at home struggling trying my best to go through this transition. I would say mentally it's been very challenging and stressful even with the support from some teachers and the countless work they put it to try and make this experience easier, taking on all these challenges along with personal challenges and everyday life activities that we need to go through diffidently lingers in my head with a constant sense of stress. Understanding there will be light at the end of the tunnel keeps me going, hoping for the best and trying my best to get through these times.