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It has been challenging to do homework and attend zoom lectures without having distractions. I share a room with two other siblings who are also attending college as well, it's a bit tight but we do our best to accommodate with what we have. I would like my own room and space, but financially my family and I wouldn't be able to afford a bigger apartment. Distance learning has also been difficult as the internet connection at home isn't strong. Thankfully the university gave students the opportunity to borrow a hot spot, and it has helped a lot as I'm not being disconnected from lectures via zoom. I work for the Office of Services to Students with Disabilities, and now that we aren't able to go to campus my work is done through my laptop. I honestly miss being at the office and work with students, parents, and staff. It's just not the same working with students via zoom, I feel disconnected and it's almost surreal to help them through a screen. I also would spend my time doing my homework on campus before the pandemic. It was convenient for me as there are fewer distractions on campus, and I got my work done more easily. At times I feel overwhelmed and stressed, and find myself struggling to work with the blackboard platform. I have been trying my best to keep up with my assignments and lectures as the home environment makes it difficult to concentrate on my work.

The adjustments I had to make for myself is either wake up early or stay up late to do my homework. My smallest sibling is ten months old, I have four siblings, and in total, we are a family of seven. It can get chaotic during the day, so I try doing my homework late at night as it's quiet and there are no distractions. My little sister wakes up nice and early to start exploring her surroundings. She crawls everywhere so I always make sure to leave the door close when I'm working, in class, or I'm doing my homework. Technology has been a lifesaver, as I'm able to continue my education and pursue my dream of becoming an elementary school teacher. Although I'm not tech-savvy, I have been getting more comfortable using my laptop, working on typing skills, and I have been learning keyboard shortcuts. I don't have a specific workspace as I share with my sisters the one desk we have in our room. It all depends if you're doing your homework, have a lecture via zoom, or have a general meeting with a club or parish community group. Sometimes I get to do my work on the desk, other times I use the nightstand or bed as a desk and sit on a stool. My sisters and I take turns to best accommodate our needs. As of right

now, I haven't given myself the time to connect with the campus community. I stay connected with staff and coworkers at SSD Office but other than that I haven't done a good job in staying connected with the campus community. I have done a better job of checking my emails more frequently as news, updates, and important information is being sent out to us. Throughout this drastic change, I have learned that I have to be flexible, take risks, and challenge myself to be a better individual.