"Living Through History With Covid-19"

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DEAR, WHOM THIS MAY REACH

To the future kids reading this and learning about this in history class, this is real, and I lived through it. This pandemic turned my world upside down in ways I wouldn’t imagine. I went from living an everyday life working part-time and going to school full time, then one day, it all stopped. Never in a million years would I think I would be living through this crazy event in history. This pandemic has taught me a lot about myself, like I can overcome anything that is thrown at me. During this pandemic, my dad, grandma, mom, and stepdad tested positive for COVID. You always think to yourself like this can’t happen to my loved ones; this isn’t real. In reality, you aren’t invisible, and that’s what I didn’t understand. My dad and grandmother were hospitalized due to COVID-19 because their conditions were terrible. Getting woken up by a call at 3 in the morning from my dad’s girlfriend saying my dad couldn’t breathe and felt like he was going to die but was too scared to go to the hospital due to not having medical and the high hospital bill prices. My grandmother was hit with COVID differently because last year, she was terrible. She was hospitalized and was told she would have to do dialysis for the rest of her life. So when COVID hit her plus dialysis, it restarted her health and made her sad. I just knew I had to be healthy for them and myself. At this point, I realized that when it comes to myself, I have to do what makes me happy because, in a blink of an eye, everything can change. Live life to the fullest, and make sure you do what makes you happy. If you want to quit your job and travel and you have the resources to do it, then you should do it if it’s what will make you happy. Another
thing I have learned from this pandemic is everything goes in its past, and we shouldn’t rush it. This applies to me because I always try to rush everything, especially school. I know now that no matter how long it takes to finish school, it shouldn’t matter. I always had this stereotype that I should finish school in four years, but as long as you get it done, it doesn’t matter. I always lived life thinking I was untouchable and that bad things can’t happen, which is selfish because it can happen to anyone. Being quarantine for about two months, only seeing the same walls all day and doing the same routine over and over again, I started appreciating every little thing. I love being able to go back to work and being able to go through the drive-thru and picking up curbside groceries. I have always appreciated all kinds of workers, no matter what they do. During this pandemic, I learned to appreciate all the small things in life, never take anything for granted, and don’t rush things. When I was going through this hard time stuff that made me happy was Family, friends, and knowing all my love ones were safe. I hope this letter gives you a glimpse into life during a global pandemic.