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### COVID Experience

My life was changed during the pandemic because I was at the time at school, and was forced to go home. Then I needed to get a job to pay for my personal needs, so I decided to get two jobs. I worked 16-hour days for about one month. After that month, I was exhausted and lonely. I remember it as a headache, I wasn't doing too well. At the same time, I was enrolled in a class for the summer term, so I literally overloaded myself with responsibility. But if I'm being honest I'm proud of myself. I challenged myself, I've never considered myself as full-time employee. to be a rookie in the work world with two jobs, personally I thought I did great. But COVID definitely changed me and made me tougher, it opened my eyes, helped me see from a different perspective. It made me understand how blessed, it helped me appreciate everything that I have. I am thankful.

My experience with remote work and online learning has been difficult. I am not that good with tech, or online, or anything like that. For every class I looked at the syllabus to get the assignments. I wasn't always sure where to turn them in, how to communicate to classmates. But overall, it's my fault, it is my job to learn.

Some adjustments I've made for my daily routines are I exercise a lot more, and I am able to work, so I have a whole different routine. I am able to work out a lot more now, and kind of move a little "free-er" if that's a word.

I've had to learn how to use zoom on the fly. I never prepared myself for anything this term so I would hop on zoom and not know how to raise my hand so the teacher could see me, or how to change my name that shows to every one in the class. So, I panicked a couple times, but I have definitely had to adjust. I've had to learn how record while having a different background than the one I have, so it was all out of sink for me, but I didn't do too bad.

Where I work is just my room, I have a little desk, but I don't use it often, I also have a nice recliner that I like to sit in while I work, literally where I'm sitting right now, as I'm typing, literally. There is also a huge tv on that desk so I get distracted often, but I'm able to manage.

How I am staying connected with the campus community is I am on an athletic meeting just about once a month, and I meet with everyone I'd see in the athletic department if we were on campus. I also live on campus so if I see anyone I look at them and smile, hopefully they think I'm welcoming or cool.