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**Living Through the Pandemic**

In a blink of an eye, the Coronavirus has impacted everyone around the world. This is something that I did not see coming. The week before coronavirus exploded in New York my college was closed and transferred all my classes to online. That weekend I was staying in the city because my best friend came to visit me from Florida. We were being very cautious already, wearing gloves, masks, and washing our hands every time we could.

Suddenly, I was an unemployed server. Restaurants stopped accepting any dine-in customers, only curbside pick-ups and deliveries. At this point I found myself applying for unemployment. Sharing a feeling of uncertainty with millions of other people around the country and the world, not knowing when the economic help was going to arrive, I had to make the decision to delay all of my bills to the end of the month. I got very worried; I had bought myself a new car in January, I had loans, credit cards, and more bills. This is something that stressed me very much, I saw my credit score disappearing before my eyes. Thankfully, after a month of waiting for financial assistance it finally arrived.

Thinking of my personal economic crisis left me barely able to concentrate with my schoolwork. My day-to-day life completely changed; I was barely ever home before the quarantine, being a young adult working full time, studying, and having a social life. Now, I was quarantined home with a lot of school assignments.

The way that the pandemic affected my schoolwork was that I found myself being bombarded with a lot of assignments and having to self-teach courses that were already difficult enough when there was a professor present. It has been very challenging, trying to keep up with all the assignments and finding the motivation to finish with my major. Also, I have discipline myself to a studying routine.

After a couple months in quarantine I have finally settled into a routine. My day typically starts with me waking up around one o’clock in the afternoon, sitting on my phone for a little while before going downstairs to start cooking breakfast. I give myself a little time to digest then start exercise routine. I especially love working out outside, this is a new part of my routine now that all these quarantine snacks have started catching up with me. After training, I will rest and spend some family time before deciding what to eat for lunch. By this time of the day I usually must catch myself from spending the next few hours watching videos on Tik Tok.

I love posting videos to Tik Tok. Dancing has always been a passion of mine, so I look through videos learn the newest dances and perfect them until I’m ready to make a post. After posting my Tik Toks I start studying, doing my assignments, and trying keep on track with the courses. When I’m completely drained from being, the teacher and the student at the same time, I start preparing dinner, trying to make something different every day.

When I’m done eating, I start to look for a new show or movie I haven’t seen already on Netflix, like “Tiger King”, “Too Hot to Handle”, or “Ozark”. When I finally find an entertaining show, I try not to watch the whole thing in a night, so I have something to watch the other day.

If two months ago you would have told me that all this would be happening right now, I wouldn’t believe you. It is something that has completely changed my life. At first it was a fast change, that was overwhelming, but I have gotten used to this routine and I do not know how the “normal” life will be after this quarantine.