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What a wild time we are living in... one that will be remembered for the rest of our lives and even beyond. As this pandemic has affected everyone in school, including teachers, students, and staff, it has caused everyone to have much patience and also work together in these odd circumstances. As this affects me in my schooling, it is not too hard to manage, even though I prefer class in person. Also, teachers are, on the most part, very understanding. I am graduating this semester and my graduation has to be online, which I was upset about, but also at the end of the day it is no one's fault and it is just something we have to deal with. I have changed my perspective and think it is cool and unique that I will be graduating online, and will have a story to tell for the rest of my life.

While changes in school have not been very difficult for me, I have also been working at my job. I started a new job during this pandemic at a hospital. I am an essential worker, and are required to be at work to help those that are in need. I work in the labor and delivery department so I am not that exposed to the virus, but we have had some patients with the virus. Training for this job in the time of a pandemic has caused a lot of stress and uncertainty on my part. Before going into work, all employees have to go to a certain building to have their temperature taken and put a sticker on their badge. This is a precaution that the hospital is taking that is definitely necessary. Also, while working in the operating room, I am required to wear an N95 mask, which makes complete sense. However, it is so hard to breath while wearing it. Many people wear their N95 masks their whole shift, which makes it harder to work. As these are some of the experiences I have had while working at the hospital in a pandemic, I understand that they are all necessary and are for the well being of the employees even though it makes work a little bit tougher.