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### Covid-19

For the first time during my life I experienced what will go down as one of the biggest pandemics in history. When I look back at the year of 2020 my memories will be filled with bad times, missed opportunities, and tragic events but I believe there is a positive in every situation. Covid-19 affected everyone in the world so for the first time in a long-time people had something in common. This virus did not just tear the world down, it gave people a reason to connect and empathize with one another.

The virus took many key memories away from me such as my senior year of high school, my last lacrosse season, and my graduation. Schools did not have a plan to make up these events because everyone did not know what could or could not be done. Having a virtual graduation was not how I expected to finish my high school career. While it was a hard time, I made bonds with people that will last longer this this pandemic. I got closer to my family from being locked up in our house. My friendships grew stronger with certain people by talking on the phone every day, figuring out how to have fun without being together, and just adapting to the situation. I learned as many lessons as I could because events like this can either beat you down or make you stronger than ever.

While the world took a loss from this virus it gave me time to reflect on what really matters. I am grateful for all the blessings in my life. Every day I will not take for granted because you never know what can happen in the next.