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March 13th, 2020. Excitement fills the classrooms with what we thought was 2 weeks off from school. Little did we know it was just the start to a year filled with social distancing, mask wearing and life changing events. Covid-19 affected everyone in ways we never thought we would be affected. We never thought that leaving school on March 13th was the end of going to school with people we grew up with, never seeing our favorite teachers again, and many other things. Prom was canceled, graduation was different, and life didn't look like how it was supposed to for a teenager there senior year of high school. For me I had a junior prom but I didn't get a senior prom, I didn't have my traditional high school graduation in the auditorium where my family fills the seats and cheers me on as i walk across the stage instead graduation was held at a local fairground so that we could all sit in our cars and watch each one of our classmates go up and receive their diplomas we all worked so hard to get. School changed tremendously from being in person everyday sitting in close corners with our friends to seeing them over a computer screen everyday on zoom. Sports was another thing that changed. For me it was not getting to compete in my senior meet for gymnastics, not receiving my senior plaque at my state meet or hearing my coach give a speech about how he's coached for me so many years, that typical goodbye speech. Many gyms and recreation centers were closed for months and when they did finally reopen we were

required to wear masks which makes it very difficult to breathe. These little things that we didn't get to have is what made this entire pandemic life changing and eye opening that life can change dramatically very fast.