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### Reflection 1

As a first year college student, it is very different and difficult to manage my way and go around and be in school. The first few weeks were very overwhelming due to the fact that everything for one is online and most classes aren't even meeting online through zoom or anything else. As for moving forward, hopefully things will go back to normal or at least a little less hectic such as always worrying about wearing a mask and worrying about what is clean and what is not. To begin with, no one really knew how long this outbreak would be and how everyone would have to change their lifestyle due to a deadly virus. Also, no one knew it would last almost a year. Thinking it was only going to last a few weeks really put a toll on people's lives due to the fact of school, work and etc. When I realized my senior year was cut short, I decided to only see the positive aspects of it and move on from it as best as I could. Advice I would give would be to always take it day by day and want nothing more. Always think of the positive aspects and never the negative because that will get you nowhere. Never taking life for granted would probably be the biggest piece of advice I could give because life is too short and it's definitely not worth risking having fun and living life. Challenges I had that also helped me see it as positive was seeing if I would even have a graduation to begin with due to this outbreak. Working so hard and getting through 13 years of school to not be able to walk the stage really hurt me and really put me in a dark place. Thankfully my high school did have a graduation

which I was really happy about. With all of this, I've definitely learned to not take life for granted and to just take it day by day because again, life is short and being negative will definitely not get you anywhere. At this moment I'm not sure on how to feel due to the fact that I'm still on campus but everything is online. I'm glad I got to be able to live on campus due to the fact that I am still able to have a few resources as well as be in a new city and make new friends. Nothing much is going on around me besides everyone doing work and being around just college students and not in an actual neighborhood like I was back home. My friends and I are of course taking precautions and staying safe and not doing much besides doing homework and studying. Same with my family except they are in corpus and I'm not too sure how it is there but it's almost the same. Working and then going home to relax and start again. As I've said before, the pandemic did take a big toll on me for high school and somewhat for college too. But also in life with my health and emotional support. When we were on lockdown I wasn't really sure on what to do but I got through it and like I said I would think positive only to get through whatever I needed to get through. Lastly, for the future as stated before just always think positive and live it day by day and enjoy the little things because you never know what could happen next. Also, live in the moments now because this pandemic is a real thing and it will go down in history and with that we can look back and view the way we lived and survived. We will get through this and we will get our normal back.