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Life in Quarantine as a Graduating Senior

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All my stuff is still in Cincinnati... Lately that's kind of what I've been thinking about, my lease doesn't end until the end of July, but I'm in Colorado, and other than my PlayStation, my school stuff, and 7 shirts and 4 pairs of shorts, pretty much all of my belongings are in Cincinnati. Hindsight, I probably should have just packed up my apartment and moved back home, but when I left Cincinnati, Xavier had only been postponed for two weeks, so didn't seem like a big deal. So, I packed up the necessities, and flew back to Colorado to hang out with my family for a few weeks, seemed like a nice break in the middle of my second semester senior year. But, quickly, as the situation around COVID-19 developed and we started to understand more about the scale of this pandemic, it became clear that I wouldn't be returning to Xavier. It's weird having this be the end of my senior year in college, and I imagine everyone else in the class of 2020 feels the same way. Selfishly, I'm disappointed that I don't get to finish with my friends, graduate at Cintas, participate in Senior Week. But, I also realize I'm incredibly fortunate to be in the position I am in. While things are still weird, I'm healthy, and have a place to stay as long as I need it, so in the grand scheme of things, life could be a lot worse.

The weirdest thing is finding a job. It's tough for any senior to find a job, and finding a job you like in a field your interested in is always difficult. I was lucky, I got offered a job working for Enterprise and had accepted the job, the plan was to start the first week of June in Tempe, Arizona. My sister goes to school in Tempe at Arizona State, and my best friend just took a job working in Phoenix, and I hate the snow, so I was thrilled to be getting to go live somewhere cool with a job that sounded interesting. But, now Enterprise is on an indefinite hiring freeze, and they don't anticipate that freeze ending until October, so I've had to wrestle with the weird feeling of having very little to do in a couple weeks. So, I changed it up, everything. I decided to figure out what I'm passionate about, and work on that. For me, that meant reaching out to campaigns for the US House of Representatives and the Senate with candidates I agreed with, and finding out what kind of volunteer work I could do for them. I've landed a place working with Cal Cunningham's Campaign in North Carolina on his writing staff. I like to think most of that is thanks to my time in my History classes at Xavier, for turning me into the writer I am, and while the job doesn't pay much, and is potentially only until November, I've found something I'm passionate about. Once I graduate, life may not be what I initially planned, but it's something. And for that, I'm thankful.