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Final Project - Written Statement

This semester was full of surprises, smiles, tears, uncertainty, and reflection. There was never a moment during the first few weeks of the semester where I wasn't busy -- I was always going to class, doing homework, riding my horse, or hanging out with my friends. Life was good and felt abundant. When I went home for spring break, my dad, who had been keeping up with the coronavirus since January, told me I'd be home again for good in at least two weeks, and I thought he was crazy. Sure enough, he was right, and just a week later I was driving home with my dad and my horse. My life went from feeling like I was living in one dream to living in a nightmare. Suddenly I was stuck at home, the whole world shut down, and I was struggling to find things to do. For a long time I couldn't fathom how a pandemic could literally turn everyone's world upside down, but I realized that I just needed to make the best out of this bad situation. Although it's sad knowing I missed out on part of my college experience, this semester definitely taught me to look at the positives and enjoy a slower pace of life.