



**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT
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Q: With everything online now, what does your typical school day look like?

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Q: I know a few other people who I've interviewed told me that their teachers are piling on homework, have you experienced something similar?

No, it's been different actually. I had one class where there were a lot of papers to write, but my professor was very nice and she gave me an extension. She transferred me over to resources and stuff, so my school is nice as long as you communicate with them. They're pretty lenient. I only had one teacher who was like 'no you need to turn in your papers today' and I was like dude, there's a pandemic going on. That was the only teacher who did that. The rest of them were pretty much like 'just turn it in whenever, we won't penalize you'.

Q: With the online lectures that you're taking, do you find them understandable or engaging?

In-person is way more understandable because I'm a visual person, but I think I've gotten used to the online classes.

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Q: Have you experienced any difficulty at all with the online classes?

Yeah, so it depends on the class really. I've had the same class with different professors. I had one class where the teacher explained everything to us but then the next class a different teacher was very visual and showed us how to do it and everything online.

Q: Do you feel at all like you're having any difficulty learning and that you're teaching yourself?

Yeah, it is stressful sometimes. It's all about making yourself a schedule and staying focused.

Q: How do you feel about the fact that with online learning, the entire schedule falls on you?

It is stressful and unfortunately for me, I've had to deal with COVID-19 and the hurricane incident.

Q: Is there anything that you wish your professors would do to help you with what's going on?

If they would have a visual lecture, you know how you can record yourself teaching and put it online, because I had one teacher that did that when I first started.

Q: So how is it being a student and having to worry about the hurricane as well?

Man, it was stressful because I had to evacuate. I evacuated to New York. I was scared to tell my school at first because I thought they weren't going to understand but I did tell them and they were very understanding about it.

Q: Have you been able to connect with any of your classmates?

We have this little thing, I don't know if you've heard of it called Canvas, where we can message classmates or whatever, but yeah.

Q: Do you message any of your classmates there?

When we're doing the discussion boards.

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Q: And are they at all engaging with you or do you feel like they just brush the assignment off?

No, they're very engaging at my school.

Q: Has it been difficult for you to meet new people?

Absolutely.

Q: Right now would you say that you've benefited at all from distance learning?

I mean, you know what, yes I have. You can pretty much create your own schedule. You know in person, it's a rush to get to classes in my opinion. Online learning works because it's more flexible.

Q: Since everything is being done in the same space, do you find that a little more difficult?

It's about the same in my opinion because like I mean personally, I can learn on my own so it feels about the same.

Q: Has your university done anything to help you with your current experience or given you any resources?

Yeah, they gave me resources at school like disability, resources for the pandemic, and stuff like that. Library resources such as checking out laptops and hot spots for Wi-Fi are also pretty common.

Q: Have you been able to keep in touch with past friends that you've met in college?

No, not really.

Q: Is there a reason for that or is it just because you can't get into contact with them?

I can't really get into contact with them because they're in different classes and stuff happens within this whole pandemic.



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