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March 30th

- I have been waking up later than I normally do on a school day because we are having to do our assignments online due to the coronavirus. Today I woke up at 10:00, but on a normal school day I would wake up at around 7:00. I got myself ready and went to the grocery store with my mom. On our way we stopped and got some lunch in the drive thru at Zaxby's. No one can dine in and sit at any restaurants; we must get our food to go. When my mom and I got to the grocery store there were workers watching the carts and wiping them down before and after costumers use them. We went down each isle in the store and when we got to the toilet paper isle it was empty. There was not any toilet paper, paper towels or cleaning supplies. When the virus came to the U.S. everyone went in panic mode and bought a lot of toilet paper and Germ X.

March 31st

- Today I woke up at 10:00 again and got myself ready for the day, even though I am not going anywhere today. It makes me more motivated if I get myself ready each day instead of sitting my pajamas all day. After I got ready, I ate some lunch and started my history exam. Once I finished my exam, I did more homework and then I took a nap.

April 1st

- Today my brother, sister, boyfriend and I drove two hours to Jacksonville to pack up our dorm rooms. We brought three cars for all three rooms we had to pack up. The reason we had to move out of our dorms before school was over because of the Covid-19. Everyone moved out and are doing school online. Moving out was really tough, we had to be in Jacksonville at a certain time and leave at a certain time so there won't be a lot of people around each other at the same time. We packed all three cars to the ceiling. I could not see out of my back window because of all the stuff we had. Once we made it back home, we unpacked everything to put in storage for next semester. Moving in and out of a dorm is really tiring, especially when you only have a curtained amount of time.

April 2nd

- Today I didn't think I was doing anything, but I got ready and went to show a house with my mom. My mom is a relator and their business is still open during the Covid-19. It took two very long hours, but at least I got to hold a beagle puppy! After we left my mom and I went to a local bakery called Peggy Ann's and got my family some cupcakes. We could not go inside the bakery, so we did a curbside pickup only. Once we got home, I got on my computer and did a lot of homework that I did not want to do.

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April 3rd

- Today I got up at 9:00 to get ready for a meeting with the people I work with. I work as a mentor for the Onto JSU program. Our meeting was at 10:00 on skype. We could not meet in person because of the Covid-19. After our meeting I started doing some math homework which is very stressful. Later I made some taco mac & cheese for dinner which was delicious.

April 4th

- Today I cleaned my room and took all of the clothes I don't wear anymore out and put them in bins. I have been trying to find things to do around the house since we are in quarantine. After I was done cleaning, I ate lunch and gave my dog a bath. Next I washed and put up my laundry up. Once I was done with my chores I started on my homework. Later my boyfriend called me and asked if I wanted to come over and have a fire and smores with his family, so I went over to his house after dinner. We got bored sitting by the fire, so we decided to go inside and watch a movie.

April 5th

- Today is Sunday. My family and I normally go to church on Sundays, but because of the coronavirus they had to cancel church and put it online until further notice. Instead of going to church I got up and gave myself a manicure. After I did that my cousin called me to ask if I wanted to go fishing. I drove to the pond down the road from my house to fish. We did not catch a single fish, but all of the fish were swimming up against the bank which was weird. Once we were done fishing I went home and did some homework.

April 6th

- Today I went over to my boyfriend's house who lives one street away from me. It was a very nice day outside, so we decided to lay out in the sun to tan for a little bit while we ate lunch. We have been trying to think of things we can do at home rather than going out and risking getting the Covid-19. We only laid in the sun about an hour because my boyfriend Ronin had to do some homework at a certain time. While he was doing his homework, I took a math test which I passed! I only have one more test that I need to pass to be able to go on to the next math class. We both finished our work pretty late, so we didn't eat dinner until 8:00. After we ate dinner we sat on the couch and watched tv together. With the Covid-19 going around we don't have a lot of things to do for fun so our days are pretty chill and relaxing most of the time.

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April 7th

- Today my family and I were going to wash all of our cars, but it ended up being too cold. We had to go to my grandparents' house to look for my glasses in a pile of my dorm things. My grandparents got to see us, but we had to stay six feet apart from each other to prevent the coronavirus. We found my glasses and then we went to Maysville General store by my house to buy some veggies and fruit to plant in our yard. We ended up buying jalapeños, tomatoes and baby watermelon to grow. When we got home, we started planting our veggies and fruit. My boyfriend came over to have dinner and watch a movie later that day.

April 8th

- This morning I got up at 9:30 and went to a little pond by my house with my boyfriend to fish. We had a lot of bites, but we never caught anything. After a few hours I came home, and my family and I washed my car and my sister's car. It was a very nice day to be outside, but we all got really hot. Once we were done washing our cars we went in the house. I did some math homework until it was time for dinner. Later my boyfriend called to ask me if I wanted to come over, so I ended up going to his house to hangout.

April 9th

- I did not do much today, but when I got up this morning, I helped my brother make mini waffles. After we ate our waffles, I got myself ready and did a lot of history homework. That is what I did for most of the day. When I finally was done with my history, I worked on some math problems. Then my mom asked me to go with her to take some Easter baskets to a support home where six disabled women live. We could not go inside of their home to hand them their baskets because we did not want to risk the spread of the Coronavirus. We were going to leave the baskets on the front porch but one of the workers came outside to thank us. Once we left my mom wanted to get her car washed, so we went to a drive through car wash where you don't have to get out of your car. After the car wash, we headed home. On our way home my boyfriend called me and asked if I wanted to hangout. As soon as I got home, I got in my car and drove to his house to eat dinner. Then our friends Abi and Nathan came over and we had a couple's basketball game outside. We ended up getting tired of playing basketball and went to the sonic drive thru and got some milkshakes. When we got back from sonic, we all headed home for the night.

April 10th

- The first thing I did this morning was homework so I could get it over with before I went through the rest of my day. Once I was done with all of my homework, I did my laundry and watered our plants outside. The rest of the day I laid around and relaxed until my boyfriend Ronin got off work. On his way home he picked me up from my house and we

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went to his house to have dinner. After we ate dinner, we played with his dog Buddy. Buddy is like my and Ronin's child. Buddy follows us everywhere we go and also tells us when we want something. Later we watched a movie called Aqua man with Ronin's sister and her boyfriend. This is what most of our days look like now that we are in quarantine because of Covid-19.

April 11th

- This morning I woke up pretty late, around 10:30. I got up and told my mom goodbye before she went to work. Her job is considered essential during this pandemic because she is a realtor who sells houses. Once my mom left for work, I got ready for my day and ate some sausage and eggs. After I ate, I folded all of my laundry and went outside to water my plants. Then I went back to my room to do my homework for the day and watched tv for the rest of the day.

April 12th

- Today is Easter! Today my family and I normally go to church and have a Easter lunch, but we had to do Easter a little different this year. We didn't invite anyone over for lunch. We just bought half of a ham and some sides for my family. It was just the five of us plus my boyfriend. It was a very different experience, but I liked it! I am glad that we were being safe by not inviting family members over. The reason we did Easter different this year was because of the Coronavirus that is spreading throughout the world. It is a very scary matter that everyone should be cautious about. After we ate our Easter lunch, we all took a nap because we were so full of the delicious food! When we got up from our naps, we took the leftovers from our Easter lunch to both of my grandparents' dinner and left it at their doorsteps.

April 13th

- This morning I got up and made myself a strawberry and banana smoothie. After I drank my smoothie my mom and I read our daily devotional and one verse from our bibles. Then I made some sausage and eggs for the whole week for my breakfast, so I don't have to cook anything each morning. Next I signed up for a few summer online classes at JSU. They do not have any other classes except for online because they are expecting for the coronavirus to last for a long time. Once I got signed up for my classes I went to a store called Rural king with my boyfriend to get him some new work pants because he ripped a huge hole in his today. When we were walking into Rural King, the workers were making each customer push a buggy around the store even if you did not need a buggy. They would not let you in the store until you had a buggy in your hands. Then we went across the street to Lowes for supplies to build a fire pit for his mom for Mother's Day. Once we got home, we ate dinner and started doing homework. After we

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were done with our homework, we helped my mom put a puzzle together until my boyfriend had to go home.

April 14th

- This morning I got up and talked to my mom about things we should do today. My mom doesn't go to work on the weekdays because of the coronavirus. She only has to work on the weekends selling houses. When we were finished talking, we both went and got ready for our day. After I got ready, I ate some lunch and then we left the house to go blue tape a newly built house for my mom's work. Once we finished taping the whole house with blue tape, we went to Publix to get some things for dinner. We planned on having taco night. We got all of our groceries for taco night and headed home. When we got in the car, we made sure to put on a lot of germ x to be safe about the coronavirus. When we got home, I started doing my history homework and then I started my last math test for the semester. My math test was very stressful and hard for me, but once I was finished with my math test my mom and I started to cook dinner for our family.

April 15th

- Today I woke up at 9:00 for a meeting with my bosses from my job. We have been using Skype for our meetings because of the Coronavirus we can't meet in person. Our meeting was supposed to be at 10:00 but it got canceled at the last minute, so I watched a few videos for my math class. When I was done watching math videos, I went with my mom to her work to help her put for sale signs in her car. Once we were done doing that I went home and made some Sopapillas. They were easy to make and pretty good! When I was done baking, I cleaned up my mess and started on some homework. Then I drove over to my boyfriend's house to have dinner and do homework together. After we did homework we watched a movie together until I had to go home.

April 16th

- I did not do anything exciting today. I woke up at 9:30, got ready for my day and then I ate breakfast. When I was done eating, I started doing my homework. I had math and history homework. I did homework from 10:30 until 4:30 in the afternoon. I took a couple of breaks. When I was finally done with my homework for the day I went over to my boyfriend's house to hangout. Later our friends Abi and Nathan came over to hangout with us. We made sure that they were not sick with the Coronavirus before they came over.

April 17th

- Most of my day consisted of doing math and history homework until my boyfriend got off work. I made myself a breakfast smoothie and made some lunch. I have been pretty bored since we have been in quarantine. I make sure to water my plants in our backyard

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every day. When my boyfriend gets off work I either go to his house or he comes to my house. Today I went over to his house and his dad cooked us some hamburger helper for dinner. After we ate dinner, we played outside with our dog Buddy. We normally play outside with Buddy every day when we get home. Once we were done playing with Buddy we went inside and watched a show called True Detective.

April 18th

- This morning I woke up and made some chocolate chip muffins for breakfast. While my muffins were in the oven, I got ready for my day. When I was done eating breakfast I started on my math. I worked on my math assignments all day long until about 6:00. I took a lot of breaks in between so I couldn't go insane. I went over to my boyfriend's house when we got off of work and he helped with some of my math work. When we were finally done with homework, we ate some grilled hamburgers for dinner and binge watched our show until I had to go home. When I got home, I decided to do a facemask before I went to bed. I've been doing a lot of self-care since we have been in quarantine.

April 19th

- Today I decided that I would go to work with my mom. She is a realtor, so she sits in a model house all day by herself. I thought I would give her some company today. When we got to her work, we ate our lunch and read our devotional together. After that I got my computer out and started doing more homework. Nobody came into my mom's model home today because most people are quarantined in their own homes. People are putting off looking for new homes for now until the Pandemic is over.

April 20th

- Today I woke up really late in the evening. Today I had to take my math test, so I try to take a break from everything before taking my test. I just got out of bed to water the plants and eat lunch. The rest of the day I just laid in bed until about 5:00. At 5:00 I ate dinner and then I started my math test. I have been trying to stay in the house as much as possible to prevent from getting or spreading the Coronavirus. I have heard that some public places might be reopening the beginning of May, but I am not sure. It would be nice if they did but only if the coronavirus has gone away.

April 21st

- Today my mom woke me up this morning and asked me if I would like to go show a house with her and then go to Target. I told her I would, so I got up and ready and we went out to show a home to some customers. When we left from showing a house we drove to Target. When we got to Target there weren't a lot of people there. We got our essentials and drove home. When we got home, I started on my homework in history and math. When I was finally done with that my family and I got in my mom's car and

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drove to her friend's house to do a drive by birthday caravan. We had all of her friends drive by her house to honk, wave and drop off a birthday gift. We did this instead of having a huge birthday party, so we don't spread the Coronavirus. Everyone stayed in their cars and my mom's friend just sat in her driveway waving at everyone. That is how most people are celebrating each other's birthdays during this pandemic.

April 22nd

- Today I worked on my math homework for most of the day. My mom helped me with a lot of my math. Both of my parents have been off of work because of the pandemic, so I have been getting to spend more time with them than I normally do. My dad works every other week because his job is an essential. He works for the Utilities. Today wasn't very exciting, I did a lot of homework and then I hung out with my boyfriend.

April 23rd

- Today my mom helped me with more of my math homework for most of the day. After we did homework, we went to the grocery store to get some essentials. On each aisle of the store there were arrows on the ground telling you which way you should go to keep social distancing. When we got home from the grocery store, I went over to my boyfriend's house and had dinner. After dinner, our friends Abi and Nathan came over to play basketball and binge watch a Netflix show called Longmire.

April 24th

- Today I went over to my boyfriend's house. His mom helped me a lot with my math homework. His mom and I did math for about 3 or 4 hours. Once we were done with my math my boyfriend and I left and went to my house to get ready for a Covid-19 birthday caravan. A birthday caravan is where you get all of your family or friends to decorate their cars and have a little parade for someone's birthday. Instead of going to someone's house to have a party and getting exposed to the coronavirus. The birthday caravan was for my grandma (Nana). She was so surprised to see all of her friends and family honking and waving to her. When we got home from the caravan, I went back to my boyfriend's house to eat take out with him and his family. After we ate dinner, we watched Duck Dynasty.

April 25th

- This morning I woke up and decided to go to work with my mom. I have been bored sitting at home all day, so I went with her. I brought my math homework so she could help me get my grade up. I called in a to go order for lunch at a Mexican restaurant called Buenavista. While my mom stayed at work, I drove to Buenavista to pick up our lunch. After we ate lunch, I finished my math homework. Later we went to show a friend a house for them but only a certain amount of people could be in the house at a time, so

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we don't spread the coronavirus. Once we got home, I folded my laundry and then my boyfriend came over to my house and we ate dinner and then I did my biology final exam. After that we hung out until he had to go home.

April 26th

- This morning I woke up and made some sausage and eggs for breakfast. My boyfriend came over to eat breakfast with me. After we ate breakfast we went to his house to hangout. I did some homework while he studied for his finals. After that we ate lunch and watched movies together. Later that night we went over to my grandma's house, we call her KK. She made us a pork roast with green beans and mashed potatoes. I was very happy to go to KK's house. I hadn't seen her in almost a month because of Covid-19. When everyone was done eating dinner, my boyfriend, cousins and I drove to Dairy Queen to pick everyone up some ice cream for dessert. When we got back to KK's house, we noticed some police coming in the neighborhood. We thought they were going to come over and tell us to leave because there were too many people in one house together. Luckily the police did not come to our door they went to the neighbor's house instead. Later that night we headed home to get some rest.

April 27th

- This morning I got up and went to my boyfriend's house. Today was the day I took my math final. I was very nervous because I did not want to have to retake the math class again. After a long three hours I finally finished, and I passed! I was so happy! I went home to tell my mom the great news. She was very happy for me. After that I made myself a smoothie and started to do my finance final. Once I was done with my final, I made some sopapillas. Later that night I went over to my boyfriend's house to have dinner with him and his family. I was so relieved to know that I passed my math class. This pandemic has been very different. A lot of people are isolated in their homes which is a good thing so the Covid-19 does not spread.

Description: I have talked about what I did each day during quarantine. What my day consisted of and where I went. Some days I did not do much of anything. I wrote this journal starting March 30th,2020 until April 27th,2020. Most of the time I was either at my house or at my boyfriend's house who lives one street away from my house. My major is Business Management and the year I graduate from JSU is 2023.