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Mara'sha Goode Covid-19 Journal March 30<sup>th, 2020</sup>

Today is Monday and I am feeling so stressed. The virus has just started to get serious. I have to now move out my dorm due to Covid-19. I love my family but I really don't want to go back because I fear I will focus on my work. Living at school keeps me focus and organized. But I also want to go home because I want to keep my family together so they won't go out as much. I really hope this virus don't ruin my grades, because I can lose track of things easily.

Right now, I am packing up my clothes I don't wear and shoes, so I can be ready for move out day. I'm going to surely miss my college friends because I don't have many friends back home. I am kind of sad because me and my boyfriend were supposed to go to Miami for our anniversary April 6<sup>th</sup>. Now, I don't think that will happen because of this crazy pandemic.

#### April 1<sup>st,</sup> 2020

Today is Wednesday and I am drained. We can't go to class and everything is pretty much closed. So basically, everyone is stuck inside trying to figure out what we're going to do with ourselves. I have to study for two test that are coming up and I will have to take the test virtually. I have one test Monday and another Thursday.

It's about 10 pm and my grandmother is sending me all these videos of the pandemic. The videos were saying everything is shutting down and that Fulton county (where I'm from) is having a lockdown. I got scared because I was wondering will I still be able to drive home. I've never been through anything like this so I am very scared. But okay journal I'll tell you more about this pandemic Friday, goodnight.

Today is Friday and I have I move out now. Its mandatory that we move out by Saturday. This is so scary because what if people don't have homes to go too? What if People don't feel safe going back home? This is so unrealistic to me I'm so in shock. It's like we're in a zombie apocalypse and the world is ending! This is what I have to say to Ms. Rona..... PLEASE LEAVE, WE DON'T WANT YOU HERE.

My mom is here to help me move out. I'm putting my gloves and mask on to protect myself from the virus. When I walk through the hallway all I see is people covered with gloves and masks. In my head I'm like OMG because this is real! But anyways we're finally done and were heading back to Georgia. I'm in my car and my mom drove in front of me.

We finally arrive back home and it actually feels good... for now. I unpacked my things and started get comfortable.

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Today is Monday and it's a very sad day for me and my boyfriend. It's our anniversary today and we couldn't go on out trip we planned almost 6 months ago. I bought so many bathing suits for this trip its crazy. I'm so irritated because we don't know when the state will open back up. And so far, being in the house is making me crazy. Me and my mom really aren't close and we always bump heads so now I'm not happy here.

I had to take a test today and almost forgot about it. But I still got an 80 on it, which is pretty good with me. Especially during this pandemic, I forgot to study but still did good. I really hope this pandemic don't ruin my year because I was aiming for all A's and B's, and my grades were there before the outbreak now I see them dropping a little.

April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Today is Wednesday and I was supposed to get braids and all of a sudden, my hairstylist canceled on me. I was soooo mad because I knew everything was closed meaning I can't get my nails or nothing done. So, I at least wanted my hair to be done. But It's all good because I'm going to learn how to do things myself. Which I did later on today, I learned how to pluck and do my eyebrows. I felt so accomplished.

Now I'm studying for my history quiz tomorrow, which never goes good for me for some reason. It's like history has never been my favorite subject but depending on the teacher they'll make it easier. Mr. Bishop which is my history teacher for this semester. He's very understanding when he talks about the lectures. But now since we're having class online, history may be a little difficult for me.

### April 11, 2020

Today is Saturday and I haven't seen my boyfriend for a whole week. I haven't seen him because my sister has asthma so if I go out and put myself at risk, I can also put my sister at risk. I love my little sister so much I won't put my sister at risk at all until this virus is gone. Not knowing will that will be but I have been staying inside the house. My mom has been grocery shopping almost every day. So now we have unlimited number of snacks. I think, well I know that I have been gaining weight and I'm totally fine with that because I am small.

Even though my little sister can't go out in the public, I took her to ride her bike around our complex. She had so much fun which made me so happy. It's been almost 2 weeks since my sister has not been outside to see daylight. I took videos of her and pictures.

#### April 13, 2020

Today is Monday and yesterday was a busy day for me because it was Easter! All my baby cousins around my sisters age came to our house and we had a quarantine Easter egg hunt. It started raining of course so after the egg hunt, they all had to come in and we played games. We played Uno, duck duck goose, and spoons. The kids all had fun and of course we all washed our hands when we came in from outside.

What I actually did today was chill. I watched a couple of movies and studied some of my math work. I really didn't do much today, just had a laid-back day with my family. I watched is movie named the platform and another movie called the extinction.

#### April 15,2020

Today is Wednesday and I had to do history work. And I also ordered so many clothes it's ridiculous. I can't wait until my clothes come in; it gives me something to look forward too. This Covid-19 pandemic makes me feel trapped. I feel like this pandemic will teach a lot of people that spending time with your family is very important. This pandemic is bringing families together that probably haven't been together in forever.

My family play games every night to keep us not as bored so we won't go crazy. I feel bad for the kids who had to go home with abusive parents. This pandemic is also making a lot of companies lose millions of dollars. I wonder if companies will start going bankrupt.

#### April 27, 2020

Today is Wednesday and my grades aren't looking as good as I wanted them too. I saw my boyfriend almost two days ago after he got tested negative for the Covid-19 virus. He had to take a test for his job, which I was happy about, so I could see if it was safe to see him. I've gained almost five pounds since the pandemic. They're talking about opening Georgia back up Friday! I don't think it will be safe because I think it is way too soon. But at the same time, I'm happy because this isolation is depressing.

I want everyone to remember the Covid-19 whenever it does finally end. This pandemic caused dramatic changes and also made us spend more time with each other. I know I'll always remember.

My journal discusses my life during the pandemic. During march 30<sup>th</sup> through April when they finally opened up Georgia is my timeline of my journal. I was mostly at home during this pandemic as well. My major is Nursing and my year 2023.