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Life has taken a complete turn since school has been moved to online. I went from living in a dorm waking up at 7:00 every day to go to my 7:30am classes, to chilling in my house in Hawaii, waking up whenever I feel like. The toughest thing about online classes is remembering to turn all my assignments in. I am always scared I will forget to turn an assignment in or do a quiz. Being in Hawaii, it is harder because I am six hours behind. I usually wake up at around 9am which is essentially 3pm east coast time. I just need to be more on top of things when it comes to turning in assignments. I feel like I am learning less online. I really enjoyed listening to my teachers lecture, and hearing their views on the topic. It isn't the same when you are talking to a video camera.

The main form of communication is text and facetime. I facetime all my friends I am close with. Whenever I am bored and want to pass time, I usually call one of my friends. We are all in this together. It is important we social distance. It would be selfish of me to be hanging out with all my friends during this time. For now, facetimeing each other will have to do in order to stop this spread.

One thing I would want people to know is take this time to better yourself. Don't be sad because of the times we are going through now. Take this time to do things you normally wouldn't do. Learn something about yourself you didn't know before. I am currently exercising every day. I didn't do a good job of doing that in college, partly because it is really cold in Indiana. I am exercising every day, and bettering myself as a person. I am reaching out to people I haven't reached out to in a long time. I'm taking a moment each day, being thankful for the life I have.

Growing up in Hawaii, I have grown up around all ethnicities. We are all supporting each other in Hawaii. We are all getting through this together. We are all doing our part to stop this spread.