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Respondent



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Anonymous

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Time to complete



1. Name - please select "anonymous" or enter your name in the "other" field. \*

Anonymous

Other

2. What is your relationship to Bowdoin? \*

Student

Faculty

Staff

Alumni

Other

3. If applicable, what is your Bowdoin class year?

2024

4. Has your connection to Bowdoin changed during the pandemic? If so, how?

5. What has it been like to teach/learn/work remotely/continue to work in person?

Isolating. Frustrating. Confusing. Unrewarding. Monotonous. Feeling like all there is to my life is homework and work. It is good that academics are challenging, but I'm missing out on the collaboration of working with others instead of alone all the time.

6. Who and what comforted you during this time? What has sustained you?

Being able to be home. It is better than being on campus with so many restrictions. What has sustained me is that I need to make the most of the education I can get and not give up on my grades because it is expensive.

7. What is one thing you created or learned during the last year?

I learned how to use the online databases.

8. What have been your social connections in this time of physical isolation?

Athletics. Reconnecting with high school friends. FaceTime.

9. Which moments will you remember? What would you like to forget?

I have lots of bad memories from the fall semester, but I also grew a lot from the struggle, so I don't think I want to forget them. I just don't want to feel that isolated and purposeless again.

10. If you'd known that you'd be so isolated for so long, what might you have done differently?

I would have taken a gap year or I would have chosen a school that had taken a more relaxed approach.

11. Have you had COVID-19 and/or have you been vaccinated against COVID-19? What was that like?

I have not had either, to my knowledge.

12. Several significant news events have occurred during the pandemic, including the antiracist uprising, the U.S. presidential election, and the insurrection at the Capitol. Was your experience of these events impacted by the pandemic? If so, how?

13. What are the challenges you are currently facing?

14. If you are self-isolating with family, how is that impacting your experience?

15. What are you most looking forward to, when pandemic-related restrictions have been lifted? Do you think your post-pandemic life will be different from your pre-pandemic life? In what ways?

Being at home right now, it feels like I do not fit into any social group aside from my family. I feel like I'm not where I'm supposed to be. I try to find people my age to interact with, but the truth is most college-age people are at colleges and universities. I am looking forward to being able to find people my age a bit more often.

16. What do you think you will remember most about this time? What would you like people in the future to understand about your current experience?

17. This space is for any reflections you'd like to put here. (4000 character limit)

18. By checking the box below, you agree to allow your answers to be added to the Documenting Bowdoin & COVID-19 archive of the George J. Mitchell Department of Special Collections & Archives and made available openly and permanently online. \*

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