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Question: “The question is very general...how has this pandemic impacted either your relationships within your family, family dynamics, or relationships with friends, or within your community. Some people have touched on the positives they have seen, maybe some silver linings, or things you have learned. But, of course, we have to recognize the negatives...”

Response: “So I think for me kind of a positive has been I’m really lucky to be really close with my family, so it has been nice to be able to see them more than I usually would during the school year. So in that sense, it’s been really nice to be at home. In the sense of friends from school, it definitely has been hard just because at school you kind of seem to interact with a wide variety of people like going to dinner and stuff and right now it’s definitely a more narrow scope of people. So that definitely has been different and sometimes hard. It just is kind of like you’re interacting with the same six people, constantly, which I’m really lucky that I have a really great six people, but sometimes it gets repetitive. And I think for me just kind of the big negative I’ve experienced is towards the end of school, winter term at Carleton, I was building some new friendships with people and that has been weird to navigate just because it’s easy when you are at school to get a meal with people and build that friendship, but it’s been weird to try to build a relationship over Zoom when that foundation wasn’t already there. So I think for me that been definitely the big struggle I’ve experienced, having those kind of new relationships that you were excited about and kind of struggling through this and having this worry that when we do get back to campus and when things to get back to a more normal everyday life that maybe those will be gone.”