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***EVENTS THAT ENCOURAGE ME TO LEARN***

One of the main events out of many that changed my narrative and perspective as a student throughout this year has to be COVID-19. This did not only change the way we are currently living but for some it has changed their narrative on education. Although as much as I hate to say this, having this pandemic changed my narrative on learning in a positive way. For instance, having this pandemic taught me new ways of learning and being more independent. Having people guide you isn't a bad thing but I felt more comfortable having someone walk me through anything and everything that when it came to things that had to be done independently I couldn't participate. Before the pandemic I feel like I wasn't self-driven and felt like I depended on someone. Now on the other hand I will find new ways to getting to my destination and new things that will help me become a better student.

Even though this has been a dreadful experience for the most of us I can say that it offered me opportunities to become a better thinker and be more independent.

The other main event that changed my narrative as a student is a personal and sensitive topic to talk about for me. Unfortunately, I lost my grandfather due to

COVID-19 and this I would say had the biggest impact on how i view education. He would always tell me that one of biggest key to success is having an education. The reason i mention this is because it connects to my previous statements when I said that before the pandemic I wasn't as self driven as I am now. Knowing that my grandfather had so much confidence in me to become successful left no room for me not be. With that being said, this happening made me become more motivated in anything I know will make him proud, for example me being successful and having an education. I also mention this because I am driven in to learning new things and new techniques to help me.

Last but not least, the last event that changed my narrative for education is working. Luckily for me I've been working since the age of 14. I started off my first year working at my high school on my freshman year. Around the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of my freshman year my English teacher offered jobs to help her organize library. It seemed like I was the only one who applied because it was only me there when it was time for the orientation. So after working there for the rest of the year she asked me if I was interested in working there that summer leading to my sophomore year and I happily accepted. So I continued to work for her until the end of my Sophomore year and then I applied for SYEP (Summer Youth Employment Program). They ended up sending me an email to meet them for an orientation and told me to come with my parents. So for my sophomore summer i was in children's aid and this was probably the worse working experience i had because it didn't teach me anything new. Moving on to my Junior year i applied for SYEP again and they only told me they had one job available

left, this was the UPS store in Dyckman which is where i live. At first i wasn't looking forward to it but after meeting the staff there it changed my perspective. So I worked there for the rest of the summer and 3 days before heading back to school they ask me if I would be interested in working there, ever since then i been working there. All these events leading until now changed my perspective on learning because throughout these events i still managed time for working out, hobbies and most importantly school. Having this experience enabled me to prioritize what's important to me and to focus less on other things while still giving it some attention. Working and going to school is what taught me what taught me how to prioritize important things `