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Life Long Challanges

Growing up and dealing with adversity can show in life later. Your thoughts on things are different from others. That can also lead to you becoming an overthinker or procrastinator. That is where we fail to realize we all come from diverse backgrounds. That said, this is mine. I may have lived in a suburban area, but that does not mean everything was always sunshine and rainbows. I would say reality hit me at the start of high school.

Lost, confused, and scared. These three words sum up what my first year of high school was like. The google classroom meetings, to the random assignments being posted in the middle of the night. All of it hitting my little 14-year-old brain at once honestly stressed me out. This is the first time I have met something this challenging. This was not like a test in middle school where I had time. No, all the time I had was within the time the class was meeting. That alone set me on edge as the semester progressed.

After the end of first semester, I had all of December to think about how I can move forward. Hybrid learning, which was supposed to make this second semester easier, made it more difficult. The second semester was more of a cleanup. Like the Red Cross helping after natural disasters. This was my first taste of adversity. It honestly showed me how I must manage my time better in different situations. I would not have to deal with another situation like this till after graduation.

After graduating from high school, I went straight to the work force to get some money for college. At the time, my father saved up ten thousand to give to me for college. Right after I turned eighteen, he took it from me and only left me two thousand. I was mad, emotions all over the place. I felt like that from January to May.

Now that I was getting money, I started to look for more jobs to start increasing my income. This is where I regretted a lot of things. A teacher from the county sent out a fraudulent job application and I fell for it. Long story short, I lost one thousand dollars in the span of 50 minutes. The school could not do anything, so I went to the police. Even the police could not help me. I was at a loss, a major one at that.

After losing that thousand, I went straight back to work. I worked and got all the money back in my account. As soon as that happened, I had a surprise dental surgery that needed to be done the next day. All the money I got was gone in the blink of an eye. Frustrated, I still found a way to get through it all before my move in day.

Now in college, I can see how critical time management and commitment is. Without both of those skills, I would not have made it past my first year of high school, and barely made it half-way through this first semester. I can say that dealing with adversity can build your character and shape you as a person. It did to me, and that is what I mean by it can show later in life. But at the end of the day, everybody’s life is different. We all come from diverse backgrounds. It takes a lot for people to come together and put their differences aside to act as one in a classroom or in a business alone.