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August...Divider

Asking About **AUGUST**

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LET'S HEAR IT FROM . . . Julia Paulman

"Time seemed to stand still stretching from March to May. All the down time brought to me by COVID-19 was spent indoors with nothing to do but think. It wasn't what I was doing that bothered me...but rather what I wasn't doing.

I wasn't enjoying the end of my junior year with my friends. I wasn't eating out at restaurants. I wasn't passing the same faces in the hallways.

I wasn't doing anything. Which in retrospect should've been enjoyable to an extent.

Quarantine gave me the option to have a break from all the pressures and worries in my life, and finally take a step back and realize what mattered most to me, but instead I was focusing on what I didn't have. Although, there

was a positive that came out of all my overthinking.

Once the world began to open back up in June, I started to leave my house and venture out into the now saran-wrapped world. I saw some of the familiar faces I missed while being locked up. I reminisced on the times where everyone was home, forced into their own thoughts.

As much as I appreciate spending time with the people I love most, I wish that I took the time alone and with family as a gift rather than a curse. I spent the time in quarantine wishing for a life unlike the one I had, when in reality, it was the life quarantine gave me that allowed me to better myself. I attempted to work on myself as a person, but I kept falling back on what I could have been doing if COVID-19 was a myth.

If I were to go back a few

months, I know I would cherish the cleared months given to me with family and to loving myself as a person, rather than wishing the gifted time away.

As August approached rather quickly, I slid into a long awaited schedule. I finally got to see my peers and teachers, even if it was through a computer screen, and regained the structure I lost in quarantine. Although school seemed like a burden to many, I enjoyed doing something that wasn't watching Netflix, ironically.

I was lucky enough to have a tennis season this year. Even though it looked different, beginning in August, I had a familiar place to go after online school.

One practice in particular will always stick with me.

On August 28, practice was directed by the seniors. We

played games like jail and around the world and bonded with the new girls on our team. It was truly an unforgettable experience that we all shared, and I finally got to feel a sprinkle of the school spirit I had longed for during quarantine.

Although the season seemed anticlimactic in comparison to past years, we tried to make the most of what we could do. I went through practice forgetting about the restricted world around us. Although quarantine showed me what life looked like closed off to social interactions, I saw the beauty in some alone time mixed with socializing and no longer take it for granted.

Balance has become my key."

JULIA PAULMAN '21



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