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I walked out of the doors of my school not knowing that it was my last day of high school. I spent the last four years anxiously waiting for that day, and when it came a couple months too early, I wasn't ready. There were just so many things that I had left to do. So many things that I might not get to do or have. There was the chance that I might not get to go to my senior prom, have an actual graduation ceremony, or finish my final season of high school rodeo. I wanted to spend the last couple months of my senior year IN school, with my friends.

May 10th, 2020

My last day of high school was supposed to be in two days. I've come to terms with everything that is happening and that has happened. My graduation will now be on July 18th and my senior prom may be on July 11th. Although this is not at all what I thought my senior year would be like, I am thankful. I am thankful because this might not have been what we wanted our senior year to be like, but we are lucky. We are lucky we aren't being pulled out of our senior year to go to war. We are lucky we aren't being pulled out of our senior year and sent to a different school because a hurricane destroyed our hometown. We are lucky because this could be worse.

I am grateful for the effort my school has put into this, especially for us seniors. They are doing everything they can to have an actual graduation ceremony and prom. I am grateful for this community, too. Local businesses have come together for the Class of 2020, by hosting a Senior Cruise Night, promoting us on the windows of their business, and so much more.

I try to be as positive as possible through all of this, but it still gets to me at times. COVID-19 has taken several things away from me, including the majority of my final spring season of my high school rodeo career and will more than likely take away the whole season, including state and nationals.

In the end, I just want all of this to be done. I hope it doesn't go back to normal, but instead everyone will cherish each day they get to spend with their friends/family or begin to be kind to everyone because this world has been negatively affected way too much the past couple of months.