

## Dru'nyah Byrd's Essay

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My relationship with my Big is special because every time I'm in a bad mood or sad, she always finds a way to make me happy. We laugh a lot together. I feel like she is special because she makes me feel like I have someone I can go to for everything and that she is going to be there for me. Something that I have learned from my Big is that you don't have to always spend money to have a good time or go out somewhere. I learned that you can chill at home and still spend quality time without having to spend any money. One activity I can remember that impacted me is when I ate this new food at her house. It was white rice and green peas sauce with juice and it was delicious. We also decorated our scrapbook that we started to work on when we first met each other. That's when I learned that we don't always have to go outside of the house or to spend any money to have fun because it was really fun. COVID19 has impacted me because I don't see my Big all the time like I used to. I also feel like my energy level is low, how I see myself and others has changed, too. It has ruined how things used to be and I miss how it used to be. If I never had a Big, I think I would be a lot more depressed, lonely and sad all the time. My goals for the future are to work on becoming a better me and to focus on doing good in school and also figuring out myself. I think I taught my Big an experience of having a real sister because she never had a sister. I don't think of my Big as a Big, she's like my real sister. When people ask me who is texting me or calling me, I say my sister. The biggest struggle me and my Big of working together is COVID19 and not being able to see each other as much as we want to. What I would tell kids about my experience is to go ahead and do it because it definitely made me a stronger person. Having a Big made me more confident and made me more sure of myself. I would tell other Bigs who are having trouble connecting with their Little to be patient because you're not going to click right away. I know I got lucky because I did, but not a lot of people are that lucky. They have to really just be patient because you can connect with anyone and really get to know them if you give it time.