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Longboard

Student



At the end of senior year, the students at my high school endeavor a senior project. This senior project can vary from a building project to an internship to writing a song for a symphony. For my project I was planning on building an electric longboard in the woodshop of my high school.

However, COVID hit and the thought of a senior project was buried deep in the back of my thoughts. COVID was difficult for me, being an only child—it was just me at home and so I needed to find things to do. When the opportunity arose to do our senior projects on an easier scale, I took it and ran. I was determined to build the electric longboard. It was a form of detachment and avoidance of the truth that my senior year had ended early and I would not be seeing my friends for a while due to stay-in-place orders.

Building the electric longboard was something I had wanted to do for a while and was the distraction I needed. It was more than I was asked for as the expectations for the project lowered due to limited resources and having to do it from home but it didn't deter me. I spent a month working on the longboard and had to find new ways to construct using the limited space and tools that I had. In the end it was a project that I will remember doing for the rest of my life, and it is something that I still use to this day.

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