

Basic Detail Report

Title Interview with Yamary Vasquez

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Description Interview with Yamary Vasquez. Interviewed by Joselyn Vega on 7 June 2022 at New Britain High School, 110 Mill St., New Britain, Connecticut. She was interviewed as part of the Connecticut Historical Society's Community History Project discussing her experience during the COVID-19 Pandemic. At the time of the interview Yamary was a high school student. She recalled first hearing about COVID at school, but she thought it was a joke. She stated that it was scary to go to school and that everything became hectic. Yamary described personal choice during a pandemic as selfish, particularly when your choices hurt others. She agreed with mask and vaccine mandates, despite being anti-vaccine early on because of the potential side affects. Yamary strongly disliked remote learning. She began failing classes and lost connections with many people. Yamary felt that the biggest thing she lost during the pandemic was her sophomore year of high school. She also lost a lot of friends during the pandemic and was not able to visit her dad. She did find new hobbies including gardening and sculpting. Her greatest lesson was to not take things for granted, especially her mother. Yamary described the 2020 election as “very unprofessional” and would have voted for Joe Biden if she was old enough to vote.

Dimensions Duration: 12 Minutes, 16 Seconds