The covid year was tough for us all. Losing loved ones, being locked inside, and changing our everyday life as we know it. The things we witnessed and experienced will forever be engraved in our minds and history. Mass death, burials, and panic was what the world had come to. Still they wonder how it all happened so quickly. But, I… tried to make the best of it. Yes it did take from me alot but it taught me lessons I will keep forever. I lost my sophomore and junior year of high school to the virus, which was a giant deal for me since I excelled in virtual classes. But, it took my life outside the house, going out, spending time with family, and importantly sports. Covid hit right in the midst of my sophomore track season, a season I looked forward to for many reasons. I Was coming off my breakout season as a freshman doing things freshmen aren't known to do. But in what felt like a flash it was all gone. All I had to look forward to was football, I trained constantly with my father and trainer. We couldn't do much else, the world was literally in a frenzy. But when it finally came, it was also gone. I tore my acl and lost not only my football season coming off a record tackle game but yet another track season. It hurt and reshaped how and what I really wanted to do in college. Covid made me realize that having a plan B is never a bad option. So, while sitting on a torn acl I sat on a 4.0 gpa. Which leads me to today, even after an amazing senior season putting up record tackles and accolades I'm not going to school for football. I'll be attending my dream school because of how far my mind took me and how fast my feet take me. Covid was a punch in the face to Me and the entire planet. And yes we lost a lot, but if you can't see the greener grass growing then why leave lockdown? I look to better myself everyday, pandemic or not. - Anthony Mitchell Jr.