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“When I was younger, being a Chinese-Canadian girl was confusing. I never understood what was the difference between me and the girls I saw on TV. I thought that I could one day look like Barbie if I lost the fat and I was just a bit tinted yellowish-orange. I didn't understand the difference between races and how someone could discriminate against someone because of their ethnicity. I always felt different, never knowing if I actually fit in with the other girls and always blamed my ethnicity. When COVID was introduced to the public before the quarantine, I was scared, but I never thought that someone would be scared of me because of the colour of my skin. I was walking out of Tim Horton's connected to the hospital beside my school to my bus stop when these two boys asked me "Where's your mask?". I was confused and hurt considering they weren't wearing masks either. I read stories about Chinese or East-Asian Canadians facing much worse discrimination like getting beat up on the news and I don't understand why someone can hurt someone because of their race. I am scared to be Chinese, but I hope in the future I won't have to be and I can be proud to be Chinese.”