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# CSUSB COVID-19 ARCHIVE

## EXPERIENCE



The year 2020 was supposed to be a wonderful year that was going to satisfy one long goal that I had for over years. This was me graduating from college and being able to share these moments with my family and classmates. Being a student had been difficult, but I had been motivated by my family to continue following my goals. Well 2020, was going to be my graduation as an Elementary Education Teaching associates but the ceremony never happened. I did graduate and I had the satisfaction of achieving one of my long goals, but I was not able to walk up to stage and receive my certificate and this was due to COVID-19. When this difficult situation occurred in early March it was like an issue that seemed it would end soon, and that things were going to get better soon! However, as the days past it kept getting worse and having to stop doing things and activities, we enjoyed was simply sad. Schools were closed, no more in person reunions, or gatherings with friends. The beginning of the pandemic was unclear because not a lot was known about this virus and hearing so many different theories from this virus was fearful. I did not know what was going to happen because at first, I thought we would be off from school days and not months.

Things started to close in March 2020. Many people were getting crazy about going out to stores and being prepared for shutdowns from groceries stores. Honestly, I was scared to go out and get food for time to be quarantine, I had never experienced no similar situation. Going out and seeing people exaggerate on food supplies made me fear that things were going to keep getting worse. Worst of all, the presidency administration we had this year as horrible, instead of doing things to help stop the pandemic increase it seemed as nothing was being done. It was a month full of frustration and horrible ideas coming to my head. What was going to happen to my fall semester in school, I was going to be a first-time university student, and preparing so many months behind for this transfer just made everything more difficult. There was only thing that kept me serene and that was increasing my faith in my believes and in God. March was bringing so many deaths and just being exposed to this virus that was a mystery was extremely hard.

Quote for March: this is the time to keep your faith stronger than ever....I kept repeating this words every day and turning on the television or radio and listening to COVID-19 news was just hard to do as my quote was telling me to do.



April 2020:

This was a month that was beginning Spring for us, and it was the beginning of transitioning to online education and not return to in person classes. Let me tell you that it was hard to experience the changes, with classes that needed to be in person. One thing that I missed out was on my experience from education field work that was going to be my first experience in an Elementary classroom. I was able to begin this experience for a couple of days which allowed me to do a couple of hours with a mentor teacher that was helping me learn interesting things. Unfortunately, this experience had to be postponed and missed out from because it looked like we were not going to return to school soon. This situation with the pandemic was not only affecting my situation at home trying to keep strong and supportive for my family. Having to see my father and my husband go to work each day, fearing of what was being out there for them. Risking their health and going to work and then seeing the news and listening to health workers giving their testimonies of how hard things were getting. Like getting to the point that the material for health heroes was not available. Being in one of the nations that had been recognized for having the best working material for hospitals and now during these difficult times not having the required protective material was hard to view happening in this nation. Going back to how the Trump Administration was being so irresponsible with the recommendations that were given at the beginning of this pandemic.

Quote for April: difficulties might discourage you to give up, but it is just one reason to keep fighting harder!

*Sometimes it takes  
an overwhelming  
breakdown to have  
an undeniable  
breakthrough*

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May 2020- June2020

This month was getting harder because this was the month my graduation needed to be done. Although something good happened in middle of the difficulties resulting from the pandemic and that was being able to accomplish my goal and graduating as I expected since the beginning of my school years.

Things were still looking with COVID-19 and our lives had to keep going, in my case I had to make the best of these months for my children. We had to learn new ways of celebrating birthdays and come up of interesting ways of making their days special. No one would ever imagine this pandemic to last months and to continue dominating our lives. Summer had changed in an absolute perspective for all of us and it was difficult to observe how many people were not obeying orders and staying home. We were all tired of not being able to enjoy summer by maybe going to the beach or maybe going on vacations but what I wanted for the summer was for good news that the virus was going to be controlled. However, things seemed to keep increasing and worsening for most people in San Bernardino and other counties. These months off from school were not as expected because we had to be dealing with so many difficulties by getting our jobs cut hours off. Listening to close friends and relatives express their struggle to maintain their jobs or support their families was hard. The situation was getting difficult for many people and having the president we had for 2020 was just putting more stress on myself. Observing that he was not doing a lot for us was cruel because while people were losing their loved one, he just mentioned it was not nothing to worry about. This made me want to put on hold my goals in my education and I was struggling on making my mind to enroll in my classes for fall 2020. Although I then realized that it was going to become harder to engage in further semesters because I was going to get use to being away from school. It is simply hard to keep being motivated while everything was so bad.



we do not have it, we miss it.

Quote: Value everything we have each day because when



Fall 2020: August-October

So, here I was my first day of classes in CSUSB my first time as a university student! It was a big day for me but also filled with fear and anxiety. I did not know what to expect from university professors, I had been part of college professors and when we had to go virtually it was just the last 2 months of the semester so everyone was getting the opportunity to learn about new programs and software. Getting the emails from my new professors giving instructions on how things were going to work out was hard to keep up with some professors were talking about things that I hadn't had the opportunity to listen before. So, this transition was different but also hard to know if I was going to be able to keep up with my schoolwork and my kid's schooling from home. This is a crazy idea to even mention because I had never imagined that schools were going to be closed for a long time and my children were taking classes from home. This situation stressed me out a lot because my son would not like to start school from a computer screen and be sitting down the entire day. I had to explain to him that it would not be for long and that when things improved then he would be able to go back to school and meet with his friends again. This was a situation that had to make us all realize so many new things and learn how to deal with the situation. For us adult we could accept it but now I had to make my children see that things were going to be different for a couple of months. As my semester was going along, I was able to start getting the experience of learning new things and finding techniques that were allowing to accomplish my education. I had to admit that although COVID-19 to change everyone's life it was bringing accomplishments of my education goal on meeting new professors that were being supportive in all aspects. With professors that were dedicating their time to us is that one can value the importance professors and teachers have in everyone's life. This pandemic has shown a vast group of heroes that make life much better during these difficult times. Having professors like the ones I have had have helped me want to accomplish my goal of becoming a teacher. That is why I continue to be looking for motivation and strength to accomplish my education during these difficult times. As time kept going and we were entering the fall-winter season things were not getting better for anyone. Now things were

getting difficult and far from seeing the end of the pandemic.



November-December 2020

The year is almost reaching an end and Covid-19 continues to hurt many people. By this time, I believed things were going to be better, but instead it had been more than 7 months of being scared and worried that things were never going to get fixed. I had already registered for my spring semester and knowing that I was going to continue on online made me feel a bit more secure because I would not feel comfortable returning to school in the next couple months. I think that COVID-19 has made me show interest in online learning when I first thought that things were not going to be good for an online education. I always thought that the only way for learning was in person education but I was wrong and got to realize that a learning environment can be accomplished either way if we just put our dedication and time to the things we want. The year 2020 was a year that no one will ever forget but if for any reason there happens to be a situation where an experience like covid-19 happens hopefully things will be better organized and a better president running the country. Being art of this presidency has made things harder and cruel. All Americans deserve the right to feel secure and protected not like we have felt for the last months were all we hear and see are bad news. Covid-19 has been tough on many of us but fortunately I have been able to maintain healthy with all my family members. It makes me mad and irritated when I see that people do not want to wear a mask and take their precautions on making this pandemic loose effect. These situations need to be better analyzed and look for solutions that can prevent so many people's death and make us American fearful of where we live. Covid-19 will remain in everyone's life for as long as they can remember it, the year 2020 can be considered an unbelievable and unforgettable year. On certain days I just thank God for the opportunity of still being here and being able to support anyone that might need some words of encouragement because everyone deserves to have people who are willing to be by your side during hard times.

