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Archive Letter

The start of my CSUSB experience has been a stressful and challenging time for me. To begin it was supposed to be my first real year of college. I went to junior college so I am a transfer student and I was really looking forward to the start of my junior year in college. I am really bummed that we weren't able to actually go to school this year because I feel that we will never be able to live the life of actual college students. I wanted to enjoy the campus and have fun with my girlfriend and friends. Instead we have been learning from home. I'm glad we are still learning but this experience is one of a kind and I do not like it at all. Learning from online platforms such as google meets and zoom save me a lot of time but I much rather be there in person to take it all in. Considering that we are only going to be in college one time, our generation is missing out on a bunch of eventful experiences and we aren't getting any younger. I feel like some teachers didn't really try to adapt to remote learning because they didn't really set us up for success. I understand that we are responsible students but some teachers literally made us teach ourselves. For example, I had a teacher who required three lesson plans to be written as our finals and she literally didn't teach us one thing about how to write a lesson plan. Group projects were another huge problem this semester. My professors were constantly assigning group projects. I ended up doing all of them by myself because none of my group members bothered to answer my emails or group me messages. I felt like this was super unfair and it really bothered me that people got credit for work they didn't even do. I felt this was a form of plagiarism and people from my groups would act like they actively participated in the projects. I am a student, but I am also a 1:1 special education classroom aid in the Snowline Unified School District. Remote learning for third graders is just as tough. They are having a really hard time grasping the material and learning new concepts. This is making me even more

stressed out because it makes me feel like I'm not doing my job but in reality I am working so hard to make sure that they are getting the same learning experience. Overall, this pandemic has really taught me a lot of things about people, work, and myself. It is a horrible time in history but at least we can learn from this in order to hopefully prevent this from ever happening again. I really want to go back to school so that we can actually live a normal life. I also want to be able to live the college life and be able to utilize all of the resources that CSUSB offers. We had to do a project on all of the cool buildings of CSUSB and it was torture because we aren't able to use any of them or their resources.