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The Covid-19 pandemic and the year 2020 has been nothing short of a whirlwind. With so many crazy/heart breaking things happening all in one year, this really has been one of the worst years that I can remember. With COVID-19 effecting everyone in any way, shape, or form. It's not surprising that CSUSB wants us to document our COVID-19 experience. How I am doing this is sort of like a journal/dairy, just writing my daily experience during this pandemic and my thought process throughout everything.

I remember the first couple of months of the pandemic like it was yesterday. The first two months of the year, we started hearing about a new virus that was affecting China and people were starting to wonder when it will finally hit the U.S. Well it finally did in the end of March. When everything/everyone was in lockdown and people were scrambling to figure out what to do. I worked in Sam's Club at the time of the lockdown. Everyone was scared, we didn't know weather we had work or not in the next few days. We find out later that we were considered "essential workers", meaning that we can continue to still work. I wasn't ready for the next two months of my stay at Sam's Club. Complete madness, people bought anything that was edible and drinkable. In a matter of a couple of days, we sold out in toilet paper, water, all diary products, and any refrigerator foods. Never seen anything like it, everything was empty for a month or more I believe. People were fighting for toilet paper, water, they were rumors going all over the place. I heard anything from this is plot for the government to control us, that the national guard will come and install Marshall law against us. People were being racist against Asian for the virus. Nothing good came from the first 2 months of the pandemic. I eventually left that job for UPS. That's when I got my second view of how the pandemic is affecting everyone shopping wise. Since no one can actually go the stores and buy clothing anymore, because of all the stores being closed. Online shopping has never been rampant till then. UPS usually never hires during the summer month but since everyone was shopping online at extreme rate, they needed help. The number of boxes and packages were handling was obscene amount. While working for UPS, that's were I had my first COVID scared, as anyone with a cough or some kind of sickness, you automatically assumed COVID. My parents locked me in my room for 2 weeks because I was working next to a sick person. The hysteria of COVID was reaching a breaking point and that breaking point, eventually happened. People were getting angry about the lockdown, no dining in, no one allowed to shop, everyone must wear a mask. Which brings me back to present day, people are tired of the government trying to dictate what they can/cannot to do in their personal lives. As of right now, Governor Newsom just announced new stay and home orders and people are already arguing about what to do and what not to do. All this talking, and I haven't even discussed about me and how it's effecting my education. COVID-19 has ruined my educational experience. I, like many others, do not perform well under online schooling. For some classes it's fine, but for others, it's so much difficult. I manage to do good in my spring and summer classes but fall classes have taken a toll. From what it looks, I will most likely fail 2 to 3 classes of my semester. I cannot do math online, or school. It's so easy to distract yourself in your own house, to have that lazy mentality. That is what I got. When you're at the comfort of your own house, you don't have that learning drive

like you did if you're in the actual classroom. It has benefited some people, but for me, I'm not one of them. Now with the news that next year's class will be online as well, I don't know what I'm going to do. I will just try to do my best for now, but I know for me it will keep being a struggle handling online school and finding the motivation to actually try in school anymore. I hope for the best but we will see how this turns out. Wish me luck.