"Pandemic in the 21st Century"

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PANDEMIC IN THE 21ST CENTURY
When COVID hit in March, I was in my last semester at Chaffey Community College. The last few weeks were turned to online classes and were challenging. I had to learn to adapt to online learning and struggled in classes where I needed that in person interaction.
COVID & GRADUATION

• Although it was hard, I managed to make it work. I had to put more time and effort into my classes and learned to communicate better with my professors. I was able to graduate.
COVID & GRADUATION

- I was saddened by not being able to experience a full graduation. As a first generation college student, my family was very proud of my accomplishment and we wanted to celebrate big. Given the circumstances we knew it was not safe, so we settled with a small dinner at home. Nonetheless, I did not allow COVID to degrade my accomplishment in getting one step closer to my goals.
COVID & CSUSB

- I was in! I started my fall semester at CSUSB and was eager to begin working towards my degree as a liberal studies major. I knew things would be different because of COVID but I did not realize how difficult it would be.
COVID & LIFE AS A TRANSFER STUDENT

- Online learning continues to be a challenge. It is difficult to learn from home where there are many distractions. Some of us have family at home, children, people to look out for. It is hard to focus on school when there are many other things going on at home. I am thankful for how understanding professors are during these difficult times however, online classes can take a toll on you.
• I find myself staring at a computer screen for 70% of my day. Whether it be in class or working on homework assignments. It’s difficult to learn and focus on the material because there comes a point where you just focus on getting work done. It’s not the same learning through the screen as it is being hands on in a classroom.
COVID & THE WORKPLACE

• Working in retail during the pandemic has been difficult. When COVID shut us down what had originally been closure for 1 week turned into 3 months. It was difficult to be unemployed and still have to pay bills.
COVID & THE WORKPLACE

• Now that we are back open, we are faced with the possibility of catching COVID at work. We interact with hundreds of people every day. The best we can do is practice social distancing while at work, and constant sanitary precautions. We sanitize after every transactions and use of fitting rooms, so we do our part in trying to reduce the risk of getting COVID at work, but nonetheless it is still a possibility.