

Project Title: Documenting the CSUSB COVID-19 Experience

### Interview Summary

Interview of CSUSB student Ryan Tineo. Ryan moved from the dorms to his home in Illinois, where he is staying with his family and doing his classes. In the interview he discussed what it has been like taking classes online as well as what he has been doing to entertain himself while at home.

**Interviewees:**

Ryan, Tineo

**Interviewer:**

Sarah, Pettit

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**Full interview transcript can be found below.**

**Sarah P: So the first question is, what do you remember about the day in march when CSUSB announced they're response to go virtual due to the pandemic?**

**Ryan T: Um, I thought it wasn't going to last as long as it did. I thought it was just going to be, longest would be spring, and by the time fall came around we would be back in regular classes. I didn't think it was that serious. It kind of, surprised me that way but I kinda saw it coming at the same time, at the time so it was the option was still out there.**

**Sarah P: Yeah, I didn't realize we weren't gonna be going back for like a whole year.**

**Ryan T: Yeah. I mean, I thought we might be going back at the beginning because it took me a while to decide either to go home and stay home or go home and possibly come back later. It took me about a week i think to decide. The options the pros and cons of which.**

**Sarah P: It lined up right when like the quarter ended so that was good.**

**Ryan T: Yeah it was.**

**Sarah P: Were you able to stay connected with the campus community?**

**Ryan T: Um, I guess. I mean I still receive all the emails they send out and if need be, able to contact professors or other students and all that, so i still get updates that way.**

**Sarah P: it sounds like you talk to Chris a lot.**

**Ryan T: Well yeah of course. Of all the people slash roommates from there he's probably the one I talk to the most every week.**

**Sarah P: Well, you were only attached at the hip for two years so,**

**Ryan T; I wouldn't say attached at the hip, more like coincidentally.**

**Sarah P: You said you've been going to meetings for aikido club.**

**Ryan T: Well I mean theres no real meetings in the beginning it was mostly just talking to president Chris [a different Chris] and getting information straightened out what we need to know. Sometimes attending the sports club meetings if i could make it, stuff like that. it wasn't like meetings meetings because its very hard to get that situated.**

**Sarah P: Yeah, you cant exactly practice aikido over zoom. I guess you could roll, thats about it.**

**Ryan T: And do the warm up exercises thats about it.**

**Sarah P: Wrist stretches.**

**Ryan T: and the aiki taisos.**

**Sarah P: how has everything being closed affected you?**

**Ryan T: Well due to everything being closed, it forced me to stay home and that led to me spending a lot more time with my family. Coming back and being the most responsible one of my siblings so having the most put on me of chores and shopping and stuff like that. I've kind of taken a different view, a more directed view, of the learning style that is presented how I want to accomplish in the classes.**

**Sarah P: Have you been, like, going to the store and stuff, or have you just been inside?**

**Ryan T: Yeah, here is, i would say, more lenient than there. We don't have any fires or anything, we don't have to wear gloves outside. Its just wear a mask when you're in a store and technically when you're close to people so I will go to Costco or shopping and you have to wear the mask in the store but I don't wear it in the car.**

**Sarah P: Yeah**

**Ryan T: Mhm**

**Sarah P: Thats pretty much what we're doing here. We don't have to wear gloves or anything.**

**Ryan T: Ya know it might happen.**

**Sarah P: Maybe, I mean, some people choose to wear gloves.**

**Ryan T: Yeah, when I was working people would come in with gloves and then they would put hand sanitizer on the gloves. Its like, thats a little extreme but ok.**

**Sarah P: Can't you just throw away the gloves?**

**Ryan T: Exactly, thats my point. its extreme because you could use the hand sanitizer, put on the gloves, take off the gloves, throw them away or reuse them kinda thing.**

**Sarah P: I don't think your really supposed to wash them, it might make the plastic break down. I'm not a scientist. Are you still working or no?**

**Ryan T: Um no, the situation with work is that about almost a month ago, the end of September. Well we knew about a month in advance at least that our boss, the owners didn't want to own the store anymore because it was owned by a couple people instead of corporate. so they were selling their ownership to corporate and no one wanted to stay. We had only been staying because of the owners, they were really good owners, and bosses, and friends so when they left we all left . So I haven't been working for almost a month. Its not that different, I just have a little more time I would say.**

**Sarah P: Yeah, I was in the middle of job searching right when this all started and I just.**

**Ryan T: Yeah, luckily I had this job for a while so I just got right back into it, with slightly more restrictions like wear a mask, make sure to wash your hands more often, stuff like that.**

**Sarah P: I mean, I like the masks because it was fun to sew them and then I like making them match my outfit. I should send you some.**

**Ryan T: I still use your chalk bag.**

**Sarah P: Oh, do you?**

**Ryan T: Yeah, I've been climbing. I went climbing yesterday and I went climbing like a month ago with another friend of mine from here. We were friends in high school, no in middle school, an then we kinda became friends in high school, caught up again, technically friends now or really good aquantience, that kind of thing so I go with him climbing.**

**Sarah P: what's it like climbing with all the.**

**Ryan T: You have to wear a mask the whole time you're climbing. So it sucks because you're breathing but.**

**Sarah P: do you have to wear gloves because you're touching the wall?**

**Ryan T: No, technically you're supposed to clean off the carabiners and wipe down any parts you used.**

**Sarah P: Does that include like the rocks?**

**Ryan T: No**

**Sarah P: Ok, you just like use hand sanitizer before you go or something?**

**Ryan T: They have like a spray bottle and paper towels so you just put it on your hands kinds of and wipe down the carabiners as you do.**

**Sarah P: Thats nice. What role has technology played during the pandemic? For like, you, not in general.**

**Ryan T: Like concerning school and classes or just technology in general?**

**Sarah P: Both.**

**Ryan T: I mean, for the classes its different because even though you're technically on a schedule, not all classes have zoom meetings or participation like discussion boards. And homework is not due like everyday or every other day its due towards the end of the week or the second half of the week and thats changed the times I do my homework. So usually I do a class a day or if theres a small amount that week I finish it in one day or two days usually on a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday because a lot of it is due on Saturday or Sunday mostly Sunday. Its, honestly, I've been using my computer more for classes because you're kind of forced to but at the same time its different because you're not actually leaning through a professor lecturing to you in person, its either self taught, you have to look up information on your own or sometimes you get a lecture from a zoom meeting so it depends on the class with that kind of thing. Outside of classes, I guess we have been forced to use the delivery system more. like Uber Eats, Door Dash all those. Like don't want to go out, have food sent to your door if its food for a night, or meal kits where you create meals per day. So I guess its been, more people have been forced to use technology now then before it happened so.**

**Sarah P: Have you been like playing games with your friends and stuff?**

**Ryan T: Well yeah, I'm gaming, I don't want to say everyday but when I feel like it and sometimes. More so than I was when I was in the dorms because it was focused on homework in the dorms because it would happen like everyday and now its like towards the end of the week so more time for that.**

**Sarah P: Have you played Among Us?**

**Ryan T: I have it, haven't played it yet. But my friends Chris, and John, and that group does play it from time to time. My sleep schedule has gone all wonky because of this as well.**

**Sarah P: Oh, same.**

**Ryan T: Its like I go to sleep at like two or three in the morning instead of like eleven thirty or midnight and I wake up at like ten or eleven instead of nine, or ten, or eight sometimes.**

**Sarah P: If I wake up before noon its a success.**

**Ryan T: Its like I gotta go somewhere or I gotta do homework.**

**Sarah P: If I do like a homework assignment I'm like yeah. What have you been doing to like handle stress and stuff?**

**Ryan T: Well, I guess its less stressful in a way because its everything due at the end of the week, you have a lot more time to do homework and its a lot less essays and pop quizzes, I guess. so on the homework factor I get less stress because of that, that includes school. But at the same time stress is put on you because you know you have stuff due at then of the week that you have to get done and usually it can be a decent amount for each class because since you're not in person its like you gotta read this book, or answer these questions or do this assignment, all in one class and you have four or five cases to do so theres that amount of stress. I kinda just make a schedule for my homework as I mentioned before as well as listening to music as usual, watching videos, relaxing a lot more. When I go out its like get it done, strict no stress because like get in get out, so theres no worry to it in that aspect. So, I would say I have less stress than when I was in the dorms but its a different type of stress. I still handle it technically the same way but yeah.**

**Sarah P: What has the political climate been like for your cover experience?**

**Ryan T: Political, you mean like elections and all that.**

**Sarah P: Yeah, that type of thing.**

**Ryan T: Well, I mean I have voted already, I did early voting.**

**Sarah P: Oh, thats cool.**

**Ryan T: Yeah, I hate the people running this year.**

**Sarah P: Don't we all?**

**Ryan T:** Yeah so I mean, if you wanna know, I voted for like third parties because I know they'll have a better chance this year than ever. At the same time for the president you got one hypocrite who actually does certain things that he actually says he does but the way he goes about it I just don't like it, and the other one who is too old, is not gonna change anything pretty much and what he's done criminally is not good. Lets see how has this affected it, greater chance than the previous election for fixing it because they're gonna use the election as a soapbox for the situation. it was all about what they did for the situation which is like masks and all that. The one part that I liked good and bad is how he tried to talk over everyone on the debates and the second thing I liked is how the fly appeared on his head. You remember that right?

**Sarah P:** Yeah.

**Ryan T:** I didn't see the actual scene but my dad told me about it and I looked it up and its like apparently.

**Sarah P:** It was there for like a whole two minutes.

**Ryan T:** There was apparently, I think it was Robert who, I think it was NPR or something who interviewed one of the female people who was in the campaign management or something like that for him, and it was like the unspoken rule not to ask that question but the reporter asked it anyway and she laughed when asked and it was like she kind of dodged the question but it was implied that she's like yeah I saw it, I didn't want to mention it or anything.

**Sarah P:** How did he not feel it there?

**Ryan T:** He's gotta feel it but he just ignored it.

**Sarah P:** Like, his hair looks pretty thin, he had to notice.

**Ryan T:** I feel like he just ignored it because he just wanted to focus on the debate or something.

**Sarah P:** You Know everyone there hates you when they wont tell you theres a fly.

**Ryan T:** Yeah, on the flip side with school technically politically they were forced to make a decision staying online or not because of the education bureau or whatever made the president make a decision. I don't think thats right because its so far in advance they could have waited a little bit longer but I'm assuming that they've known for months that is gonna happen, they've just now made it official. Theres a lot of things in play like behind the scenes that we don't know about, it just when it becomes made official thats when we know. The situation is just causing a lot of things to shift and people to use it to their advantage I think.

**Sarah P: Are you supposed to graduate this year or next year?**

**Ryan T: Technically next year, for one semester I think, because I need like two more classes after the end of this year because I have a major and minor and I kind of messed up taking a couple extra classes that I didn't need to. It flew off the line that I had and IST is a hard one to finish in four years even if you don't mess up any of the classes just because the timing to get those classes is very competitive especially in the 300/400 level, or 3000/4000 level.**

**Sarah P: There's a lot of people in that major isn't there?**

**Ryan T: Mhm.**

**Sarah P: Was there anything that you like wanted to share about your experience with all of this?**

**Ryan T: I guess the major thing is the different style of learning online than in person, I feel like in person you learn more but it's almost harder because you have to pay attention and do that much more work, the more homework you learn better, but online technically learn less because you have to be self-taught and in order to that I think, but the homework is easier so what you do to complete the classes, at least not being complete, you have to do the homework get a passing grade type of thing. I don't know, so I do think that online makes it easier to finish the class but less likely to learn a lot from it, you most likely need to relearn it for the next class. I think that's the major difference between online and in person that the situation has caused.**

**Sarah P: I think that about covers it.**



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