

COVID-19 Reflection

COVID-19 has been an emotional experience for me. A series of events has happened to me and a majority of them are not good. When the shelter-in-place order was originally set I still had my job, my internship, and still going to school. Once it was announced that shelter-in-place was being extended past the original date, which was April 7th, I received an emergency call. The emergency call was from my district manager from my job at Sephora asking several of my coworkers and I to join an emergency conference call in thirty minutes. The conference call was to inform us all that they are laying all of us off because of the extension of the virus in order to save money for the company. I was really devastated because they had said they were going to keep us, but I also understood that they expected us to be able to work again by April 7th. I was still sad, but realized I needed to think of the next step that would allow me to pay for my bills. I had to apply for unemployment.

If losing my job was not hard enough the very next day I received a phone call from my roommate informing me that our house was completely robbed. They took almost everything except furniture and TVs. I have no job and all my stuff was taken. I felt completely violated. They took our clothes, shoes, purses, iPhones, iPads, Cameras, Laptops, Apple watches, food, kitchen supplies, blankets, pillows, soap, makeup, toilet paper, and many more. None of my roommates and I were home for the weekend so whoever the robbers were had plenty of time to steal. The cops were fortunate enough to find some of our stuff in an abandoned house next door, but most of our valuables were gone. The people still never got caught and it makes me uncomfortable. As much as I want to move out, I can't because I have no job and I don't want to move back to my mom's. Once I get a job. I will look for a place to move. Ironically on the same day, my best friend gave birth to a precious baby boy the next day, which I am so happy about.

Lastly, graduation is obviously taken from all 2020 graduates, but I am very grateful for San Jose State University. They have been doing their best to still make us feel special. Also thank you Public Health and Recreation Department for making us feel special. This covid-19 lockdown hasn't slowed me down. I still have been very busy. Still completing my last assignments for school, still working on my internship, and working on my weight loss journey. During this lockdown I have lost 11 pounds so far!



Ebony Gross

April 4 at 9:46 AM ·

I can't wait for this week to be over with.. I got laid off from Sephora and the next day found out my & my roommates house got broken into 😱. Thanks COVID-19.

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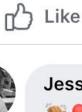
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May 11 at 7:38 PM ·

I just finished my last lecture/class as an undergraduate student! And I'm so emotional and sad about it. I wish I had the opportunity to walk across the stage with all my classmates because we worked so hard to get to this point in our lives, but nonetheless I'm excited to be graduating as soon as all finals are completed! #ClassOf2020

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Frances Freeman

Sorry to hear it. Be safe! You'll find another job.



Jessica Prater

