

Spartans Speak on COVID - 19

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The year 2020 started off with lots of excitement for me, as I am about to graduate with a bachelors' degree from SJSU. I felt like everything was coming together and the day that I would be walking on the stage, with my head held high, feeling accomplished, and moving on to the next stage of my life. All the hard work and perseverance was finally going to be paid off with pride and joy, along with all my fellow classmates, and friends. That most awaited day in a life of a university student is not that far away; the day we could call ourselves, graduates.

With the ongoing continuous efforts and concentration to finish off the final year at the university, little did we know that a time would come that no other human has ever seen in the history of human mankind. Such a time is the pandemic created by COVID-19. It came in such a way and affected human life that we may not look at the world, and communicate the same way we used to before. It may be a long time until we get back to the life we used to have, because of the COVID-19.

Along with many other individuals in the world, I also feel like it has affected me, though it is incomparable to the many lives that have been lost due to the pandemic. I feel like It has affected my time at the university, especially being a graduating senior student. I, along with many other fellow students, have lost the opportunity to get an exposure to our future career adventure. Most of the things have become virtual; social distancing became the top most thing to remember, and follow. The situation has completely forced us to miss out the support the university provides to all the students, and specially, the career fair, the time when we could have

gotten an exposure/opportunity to step into professional life. It has ruined the precious time that graduating students could be spending with the campus community, with each other. Instead of networking, we have to keep distancing ourselves from individuals who are not your immediate family member. Such is the time that I live in, that we all live in.

These are the moments that I didn't ever think of the empty roads, people keeping distance with each other, trying to avoid touching, hugging each other.



