

Spartan Speaks COVID-19: Reflection

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I started out as one of the people who didn't really take this virus seriously in the beginning. Before the shut-ins, shelter in places, and social distancing, I honestly thought this country had bigger problems to deal with. What's ironic is that I have severe chronic asthma! What started to change my mind wasn't the news or social media, but the articles and recommendations from Public Health officials and the CDC. That right there was when I knew my life might not ever be the same.

After SJSU had notified the campus about moving online, I started getting emails about possibly moving out of the dorms. The school offered to give residents a refund, but I wish I was still living in San Jose. Coming home has not been the same. This pandemic has prevented me from seeing my family, finding new employment, and my entire lifestyle has been changed. As far as academics, I don't think enough people in higher education understand the level of stress this has been. I was literally forced out of an environment that has helped me maintain and stay motivated in classes. Being home is hard. It's hard to find quiet, it's hard to stay focused, it's hard to study alone without my friends. This experience has been a tough one, but I'm glad that I made it to senior year. I am still graduating!

Below are some facebook postings that I have made since the pandemic affected me.

**Nesha Will-Cash**

March 18 · 🌐

I honestly thought I was prepared, but it hurts so much more when it's real. The fact that my graduating class will NOT be graduating in May is heartbreaking. I've worked so hard, I've bussed my ass, I prayed every day that the lord would bring me to May 21 at 12:00pm. As a first generation student, I feel like this milestone has been snatched away. Class of 2020 we are warriors! Still getting this degree, still trying to adapt to everything being online. We still did that. Once I'm done crying, I'll continue my day to making sure I pass this last batch of classes.

[#prayforclassof2020](#)**Nesha Will-Cash**

May 3 at 5:32 PM · 🌐

Entering my last week of undergraduate education And man I must say I'm not as happy as I thought I would be. I've missed out on so many final memories and it doesn't even feel like I'm graduating anymore..BUT GOD. Pastor [Shamar Lewis](#) reminded me today that God's Got Me! He has kept me safe, he's kept me grounded, he's brought me all the way to this last week of school, and soon enough he'll bring me across the stage in December. I've spent a lot of time reflecting and the Lord is definitely showing me he is so much bigger than any degree. Truly blessed.

Who knows? I might do a quarantine graduation 😂





Nesha Will-Cash



April 8 · 🌐

Won't be walking the stage until
December... 🙄 DECEMBER!!!!