

Spartan Speaks COVID-19

My experience with COVID-19 has had its ups and downs, but overall it's been quite nice. My life has been less stressful, I've greatly enjoy not having to wake up an extra hour or two early to endure the grueling traffic it takes to get to San Jose, and fighting for a parking spot. I also enjoy not having to drive home late in the evening, again with a lot of traffic. The lockdown has also given me more time to do my assignments and think them over. Day to day life has been fine, I've been trying to live as if there isn't a pandemic going on (while still following government guidelines of course). I am also very thankful that my family and loved ones have been healthy during this time.

Two things that were most affected by the pandemic and lockdown for me, was my social life and classes. I really miss seeing my friends and hanging out with them. It's especially frustrating since the lockdown does not look like it will be lifting any time soon, so I won't be able to see them one last time before I move. In regard to classes, I learned from is that some classes don't translate well online. This is especially true for labs as I cannot personally conduct the experiment to really understand what's going on. With exams, I often found myself confused about questions, as they may have been worded strangely or came off as vague. Since I had to do these alone and online, I could not ask my professors to help clarify questions for me.