

Spartan Speak Covid-19: My Personal Experience

Hello. I am a senior at San Jose State University and this is my personal experience with the outbreak. As a first-generation student, I had always wanted my parents to witness me walking across the stage with a college diploma. I was devastated when the university canceled the in-person commencement. Moving back home was a difficult decision but I am glad to have my parents by my side during this outbreak. We started spending more quality together and learning new hobbies such as baking, drawing, and playing family games. My family would bake different types of pastries every day and deliver them to my grandparents. I purchased an adult coloring book to help relieve stress and boost my creativity skills. My goal was to complete the coloring book by the end of June. Additionally, I began playing online games and meeting new friends from all over the world. It still feels surreal that California is on lockdown to help reduce exposure to COVID-19. I am grateful that I am able to overcome the struggles and uncertainty with the support of my family and friends. I know that it's not an easy process but I am sure that we can overcome this circumstance.