

This time that we are living it is uncertain and creates fear in a lot of us. I am a Junior in college who is finishing up her semester at home. I was torn from my college community and forced to take my academics into my own hands. All of our classes are now virtually done through Zoom leaving little to no accountability on assignments. Motivation to do school work dwindles daily as we come to the end of the semester. The life I had, that created so much joy and stress was stripped away as I am now constantly anxious wondering what will happen next. My job was cancelled for the summer and all my summer classes have moved online. My university's very first track team's season was cancelled, leaving me out of season until the fall when hopefully things will have calmed down and I can compete in my last collegiate races. My stress level rises every day as I am a student going to school to become a teacher and am unable to take the very last certification test I need to be licensed in the state of Virginia and I fear that I may not be able to take it in time. My father lost his job at the beginning of the outbreak, leaving us with a huge economic burden forcing him to now do work that had the pandemic not happened, would have forced him to travel in the Middle East for a year. Covid-19 not only took the last moments I had with the graduating class, it took away my only opportunity to study abroad in Paris for a week. The way the education program works, this would have been my one and only shot at going abroad with my university. Two of my friends have tested positive for the virus and none of them have recovered to date. The virus has changed the way we see the world now and forever.