

Like most seniors in high school in the year 2020, my life was completely turned around in the most sudden and unexpected way. What was supposed to be a year filled with exciting events for soon to be graduates, ended up to be a lonely and uneventful period of time for everyone. I missed out of events such as prom, class trips, and school choral concerts. Aside from school, I was not able to attend my job, which I enjoyed so much. I was a babysitter for a two-year old with underlying health conditions, so in order to keep her safe, I could no longer babysit for her. The experience was made even harder when I could not see my friends. I began to miss them not long after we were put in a nation-wide quarantine. It was so hard and lonely for me. The best thing about the experience, however, was getting to spend more time with my family. I feel as though the experience forced us to become closer. We had dinner together every night, which did not happen before the pandemic. My experience through the COVID-19 outbreak consisted of many pros and cons. Beyond the fear, loneliness, and confusion, there was hope, unity within people, and a time to take a break from all that was happening in life and just reflect.

