The COVID-19 pandemic has devastated the entire world and taken so much from humanity in the process. Due to this pandemic people have been stripped of their jobs, relationships, and mental health. It is a scary feeling knowing that no matter how careful you are, there is always a possibility of contracting this virus that could be fatal.

Personally, COVID has taken many things from me and changed my life in many ways. COVID hit right at the start of my second semester of my senior year of high school. I was very excited to experience things like prom and graduation. Things that seemed smaller were also exciting to think about like senior day and senior games that my high school played. Instead of getting the high school experience of everyone before me, I missed out on, to me, the best part of high school. All of these were things that I was looking forward to for years. If I were to explain to future generations what life was like during the pandemic, I would say it was depressing. We were isolated for months on end not being able to leave our houses, celebrating birthdays and holidays by ourselves. When summer hit it was even worse, the cases were rising, and traveling was not allowed. I was isolated from my friends that I would have to say goodbye to in a few months when we all went away to college. Video calling and watching new tv shows were both big parts of my days. I started crocheting and tried to get outside for a little bit everyday just to get some fresh air. I find that it has been a hard pill to swallow that my life, along with everyone else's, got flipped upside down on one random day in March and now the joys of life are no longer allowed. Spending time with friends and family, traveling, and just being able to experience life have all been put on pause for who knows how long. Everything we have ever known has completely changed and it's been very difficult to transition to.