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When I first heard of the virus taking over Italy and other parts of the world, I was scared and worried that it would eventually take over the United States. During the end of my senior year, my friend told me that the first case of the Covid-19 virus had arrived in the US. My heart was shattered because no one had any understanding of how to stop it. While the virus was hitting its peak, many of my senior traditions were cut short. My graduation was cancelled, and the year I thought was going to be the best year became the worst. My family and I have continued to be cautious when leaving the house or seeing anyone during this pandemic. Both of my parents are front line workers, my father is a firefighter and my mother is a social worker at a convalescent home, and every day I fear them catching the virus. My aunt is also a nurse at Waterbury hospital, and she unfortunately contracted the virus a few weeks ago because she was working on the Covid-19 floor. She was hardly able to walk, had a horrible cough, headache, fever, lost smell and taste. After my aunt contracted the virus, my family became even more strict with not seeing each other or friends because we did not want anyone else in the family to contract the virus, and spread it to our older loved ones. Unfortunately, my uncle came down from Florida about a month ago and went out to get coffee with my papa and my father. Everyone was doing well until he returned home and my family heard that he was in the hospital with the virus and

pneumonia. He passed away a few days later, and the worse part was that my family was not even there for him during this horrific time. As someone who has lived through this destructive and evil pandemic of the Covid-19 virus, I would tell future generations to never take life for granted. You never know when something this destructive will come through your life and ruin what you thought would be the best year ever. Always hold your family closer than you think. As of someone who has lost a loved one to this virus, I have learned to never waste a minute when I am with my family because you never know if that will be the last time you see them.