Through this pandemic I have come to several realizations. The first main realization I have come to Is that people can be extremely selfish. Growing up in Japan wearing masks was a common courtesy if you were sick, even if it was just allergies everybody would wear masks. Through this pandemic , and living in the states I have come to realize that people don't like their rights infringed upon. They like their freedoms and like to be able to do what they want to do. As much as I understand this, and I absolutely agree with it, I do think it's a human decency to put on a mask.

The next thing I want to discuss is transitioning from all seated classes to online classes. I know for myself I struggle with online classes, and always have. So trying to transition from all seated to all online , then to some online was an extreme struggle for me. I don't believe that I learn when in an online environment, as I learn better when I'm seated in the class not behind a computer screen.

I have always worked. Start working the day I turned legal age which was 15 where I grew up. I have worked full-time while in college full-time. This pandemic changed that, one month in my store shut down in definitely and I was furloughed. This was a huge change for me as I had never been not working. Trying to navigate unemployment as somebody who is never even had family on that was a struggle in itself, and trying to not mess everything up while doing it is another. But that was also a blessing in disguise, because even though I was furloughed I was off of work and had a break. Unfortunately during this time I also lost my grandpa, thankfully not due to Covid. Being furloughed give me the opportunity to travel Across the country for his funeral in the epicenter, Seattle Washington.

Being in Washington was an experience of its own. I had spent five years previously in Washington, so I know how busy and touristy the area is. It was a wild experience getting off the plane at the Seattle airport to a completely empty airport, with maybe a total of 100 people that I passed by to get to the exit. It was like a ghost town, where at one point you had to wiggle your way out of a place, you could walk freely with both arms out and still not be near a soul.

This pandemic changed so many different things and so many different lives. True colors of friends, and family have been shown with how they reacted to Covid-19. I’m thankful I haven’t lost a friend or family member to it, but my heart goes out to those who have lost their lives or who have lost a loved one.