The Unknown

Covid- 19, once a word that was unknown to most, but abruptly became a worldwide term that will forever be in history. Covid-19 had a tremendous impact on everyone. Fortunately, I never caught this terrible virus, but I still feel the effects.

Going back to my freshmen year at college. The first semester was already an adjusting period. Being away from home, not knowing many people, and balancing college-level classes with life was already hard. Once the second semester came, it started to become easier. I made some friends, I learned campus and how classes in college worked. Then spring break happened, and Covid-19 changed everything.

Leaving for spring break, I did not know that this would be the last time I would be on campus, have classes in person, and see the friends I once saw every day. Little did I know I would be at home for the rest of the year doing online courses. This was another adjustment. As we were sent home, I was forced to finish classes online in many different ways. Every teacher seemed to conduct their class differently as I was trying to figure out how to complete my courses. I became stressed out. There were so many things unknown. What is this virus? How does it spread? Why can I not go to the store? Why are mask needed? Why are business closing? Why are my parents' coworkers being furlough? What does furlough mean? What is going to happen to the US? Why can I not travel? When are we going back to normal? Why are all these covid cases dramatically increasing? Why are some states open and ours is still closed? What is quarantine? Should I go back to college or try to find a job to support myself? Why can't I visit my family?

Trying to go on in life with all these unknowns was challenging and still is. There are still many unknowns. How are classes going to be moving forward? What will college life look like? Will vaccines be required? Why are there three different vaccines? A whole year later, life is not back to normal, and still with many unknowns. I feel like I'm wasting time. I'm wasting my money in college without the experiences and not making lifelong connections. Quarantine changed the person I was. I no longer want to go and would rather stay in. I feel isolated. Socializing is hard and does not feel the same. I feel mentally drained, and I feel like every day is passing me by.

As this year passed, I questioned my major a lot. I am not sure what I want to do anymore. Learning online is hard, and I feel like I did not learn properly to be successful in my field. I already feel burnout. I am hopeful for the future and the changes this summer might have on me, but all I can say right now is to keep pushing.