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My Experience During COVID-19

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The COVID-19 pandemic came as a bit of a surprise to me. I remember seeing videos from China in late January and February of cities being shut down and abandoned. At the time I did not think much of it and figured it would never end up being a problem in America. So when cases started to appear in the United States I didn't quite know what to think. By the time spring break came around cases had started to spread all across the country and a lot of people like myself began to fear this virus could get out of hand. I remember being at home with my family when Xavier first announced that due to the Virus we would not return for another month or so. Then the next day they extended the suspension to the entirety of the semester. Initially, I was pretty excited because I was not looking forward to driving back to school within the next couple days and the suspension meant I could stay home with my family. Once I understood that this meant we would be taking online classes I began to rethink my stance on the predicament. I began to feel nervous and worried that my grades would slip due to lack of motivation and structure that comes with working at home. But after taking online classes for a few weeks I started to feel as if I would be able to at least get through it.

Now, as we near the end of the semester I am looking forward to being able to resume classes back on campus at Xavier. There are a lot of things I miss about Xavier like my friends, the cafeteria, parties, dorms, etc. Until then though, I look forward to getting a change to relax at home this summer without having to worry about classes. I was going to try and work as a camp counselor this summer, but with the current health crisis that does not seem likely. So I will spend most of my time at home reading, riding my bike, playing video games, watching movies, and spending time with my family.

While COVID has been a struggle and has made a lot of things very difficult for a lot of people, I think it has also made me realize a lot of things. I realize how important it is to cherish everyday that we live because it could be taken away from us in an instance. I also realized how important it is to spend time with family because being at home so much has made me understand how important family is. I hope that whenever this crisis ends that Xavier, and the rest of the world, can come out better and stronger.