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My work has slightly changed since we have made campus wide adjustments to prevent the spread of COVID-19. I have worked very hard to convert my courses to fully online. I continue to work with my students who are impacted with stress, family responsibilities, moving to new places because of married, devoice, and application/use of new technology issues. I communicate with my students frequently with kindness, compassion and mercy especially with those students whose children are now home and requiring attention. I found myself risen to the occasion of teaching during a pandemic by displaying grace and flexibility and, in some cases, leniency with deadlines and expected rigor. I am thankful to JSU administration and faculty on how they have responded to this crisis.

We explored different modalities in CANVAS to make our teaching and learning most effective for our students. We shared our experiences via KALTURA to create and edit user-friendly mp4 videos to reach out to students and friends. We also have discussed a range of education apps to be used in our education classrooms to either take attendant or evaluate students' participation, and stimulate student's interest in their learning process.