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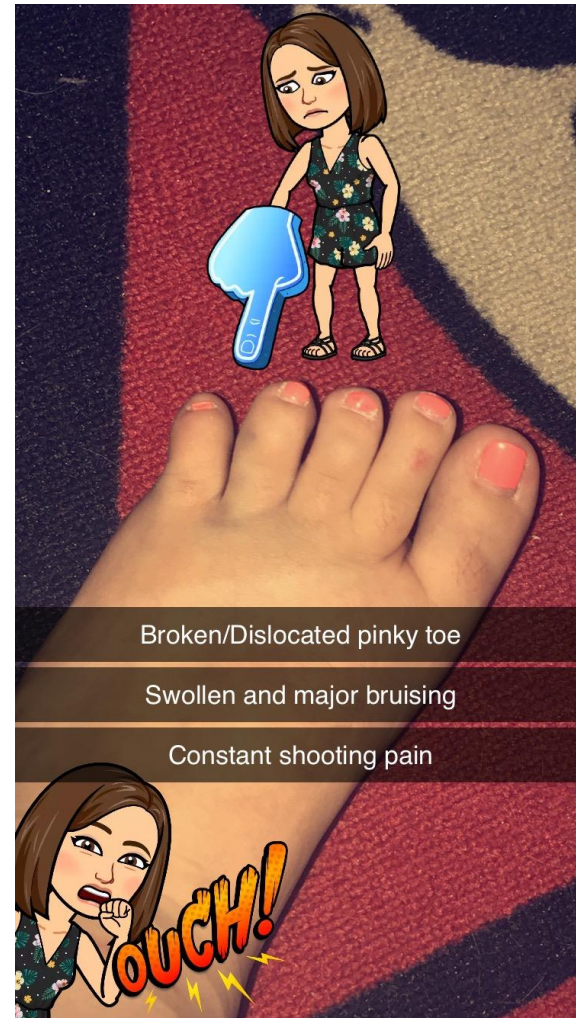
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# My COVID-19 Experience

Toni Di Padova

# Broken Toe

Right before the fall semester began I broke my pinky toe. I had to keep my toes taped together and wear a boot for almost two months while it healed. Not having to drive to school and walk around campus due to classes being online was a major convenience during this time.



Broken/Dislocated pinky toe

Swollen and major bruising

Constant shooting pain

OUCH!

# For Sale

In September, we put our house on the market. This is the house I grew up in, and have lived in for almost 18 years. Saying goodbye was bittersweet. Not to mention, moving 18 years worth of memories took quite a bit of time. The house sold in early October.



# I Said Yes!

In mid September, my boyfriend of 5 years proposed to me! I of course said yes. The proposal was extremely joyous, however, I often find myself wanting to wedding plan over doing school assignments.



# One Week At A Time

With all classes being online I figured I could take more than I would in person. For the fall 2020 semester, I am currently taking 20 units. A total of 8 classes. Am I crazy? Probably.

Schedule				
Time	Monday Aug 24	Tuesday Aug 25	Wednesday Aug 26	Thursday Aug 27
9:00AM	ENG 3010 - 05 Seminar 9:00AM - 10:15AM OL ONLINE		ENG 3010 - 05 Seminar 9:00AM - 10:15AM OL ONLINE	
10:00AM		MATH 3012 - 05 Seminar 10:30AM - 11:45AM OL ONLINE	<b>Babysit</b>	MATH 3012 - 05 Seminar 10:30AM - 11:45AM OL ONLINE
11:00AM				
12:00PM				
1:00PM				
2:00PM	GEOL 3090 - 02 Laboratory 1:00PM - 3:45PM OL ONLINE			
3:00PM		CAL 3250 - 01 Lecture 2:30PM - 3:45PM OL ONLINE		CAL 3250 - 01 Lecture 2:30PM - 3:45PM OL ONLINE
4:00PM		GEOL 3090 - 80 Lecture 4:00PM - 5:15PM OL ONLINE		GEOL 3090 - 80 Lecture 4:00PM - 5:15PM OL ONLINE
5:00PM			<b>Tutor (Maddie)</b>	
6:00PM		<b>Tutor (Aliyah)</b>		
7:00PM				EDUC 5423 - 01 Seminar 6:00PM - 8:45PM OL ONLINE
8:00PM				
9:00PM				

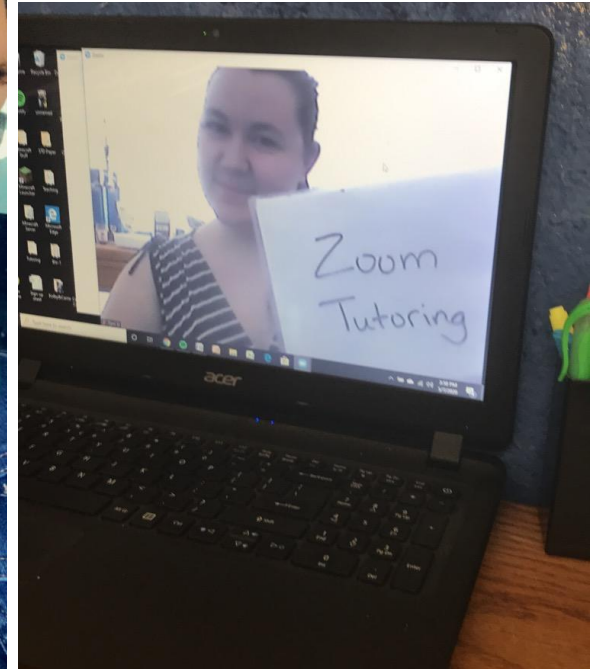
Meeting Information not available			
Class	Course Title	Instructor	Start Date
CAL 5951 - 01 (Supervision)	INDEPENDENT STUDY HUM	HW due TH & Sun	08/22/2020
ESPE 5531 - 70 (Discussion)	METHODS & PROC IN SPED	Meet TH 7-9:50	08/22/2020

# Zoom Tutoring

Two years ago I started my own tutoring service to help out K-12 students in my area with homework help. Before the pandemic I had 6-7 regular students that I was working with for around 15 hours a week. However, when the pandemic started I lost all of my students. The past couple months I slowly gained a few back, that I work with online through Zoom. But it is not the same. I miss all my students.

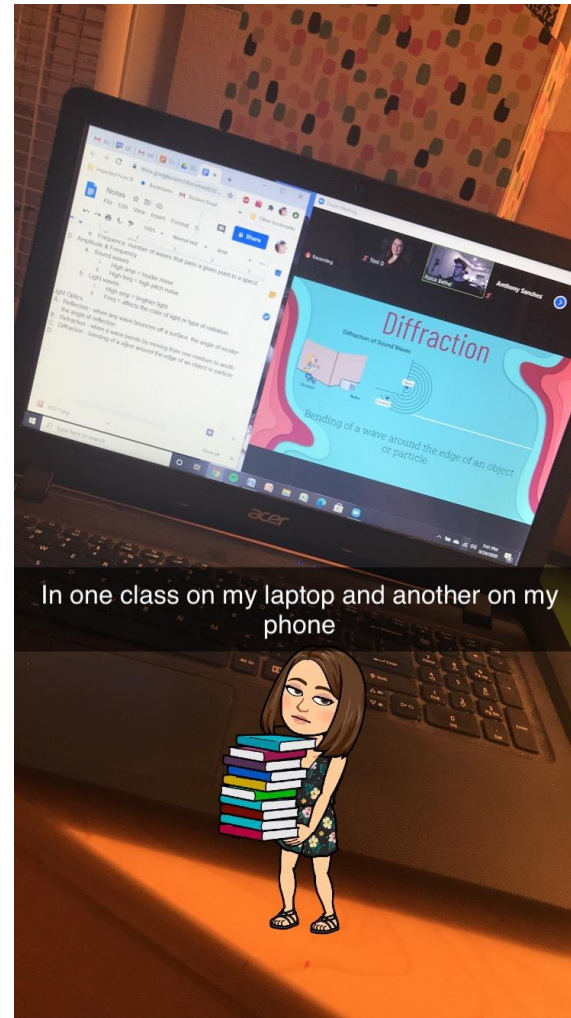


**ZOOM TUTORING**  
**End of summer  
review sessions**  
**All Grades &  
All Subjects**  
\$20/hour



# Multitasking At Its Finest

This is definitely a first for me. On Thursday nights I have a mandatory class from 6:00pm-8:45pm, but I have another class that is optional to attend but highly recommended from 7:00pm-9:50pm. Therefore, at 7pm I am in one class on my laptop and the other on my cell phone. Thankfully, the former one usually ends early, so there isn't too much overlap.





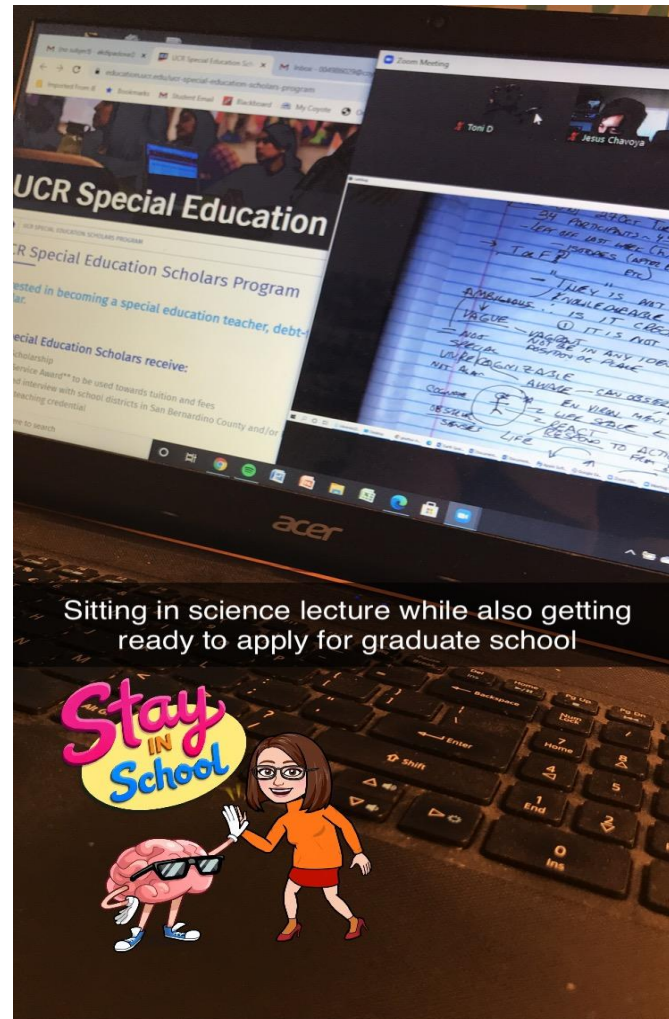
# Midterm Madness

I splurged and bought myself a stress relief package for way too much money around midterms. I must have lit that poor candle everyday for hours on end. I was in way over my head with 8 classes. But, I was determined to do well.



# Preparing For The Future

Once things slowed down again after Midterms I started digging deep into researching grad schools. I started thinking about it at the beginning of the year, but with graduation approaching quickly I got serious about it. I decided on UCR's Special Education Master's Program.



# Chocolate!

Most people dread Mondays, but this semester Thursdays are my rough day. Even though it's technically my Friday, because I don't have any classes on Friday, I have 5 classes on Thursday starting at 10am and going until 10pm some nights. Thankfully, chocolate exists, especially dark chocolate.



# Self Care

I am a believer of self care. Taking care of yourself is extremely important, especially this year. I love getting a massage or facial. Due to social distancing those treatments are unavailable, but that doesn't mean we can't do a little at home self care.



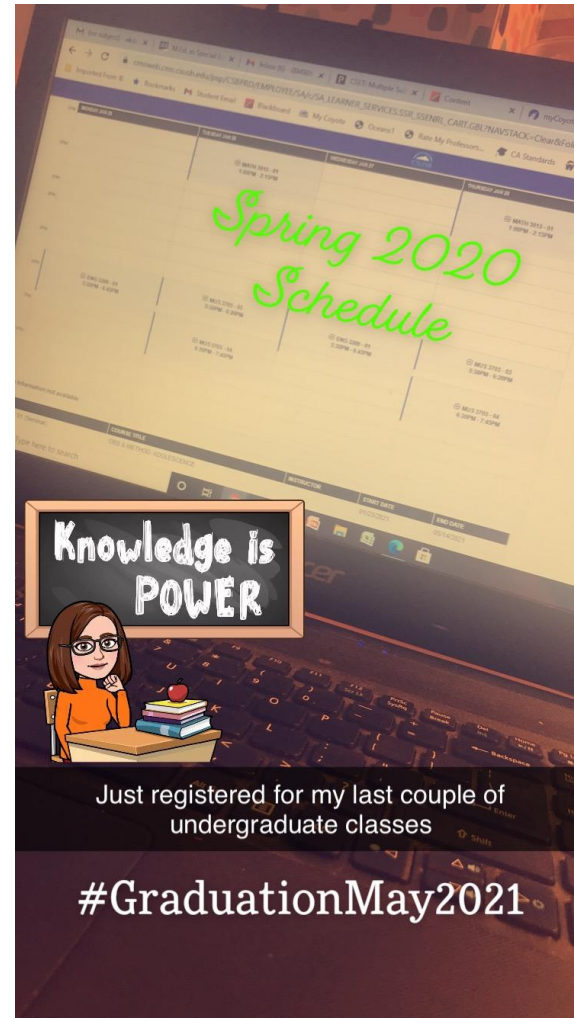
# Why I Do What I Do

In November, I started in person tutoring again. Both the student and myself wear a mask for protection. My students are so amazing and I truly love working with each of them. I can't wait to be a teacher.



# Finish Strong

I am all set to graduate in the Spring 2020 semester. After taking the horrendous 20 units, I am so happy that I only have to take 12 in last semester. I am looking forward to my final semester at CSUSB, even though it will be online.



Spring 2020  
Schedule

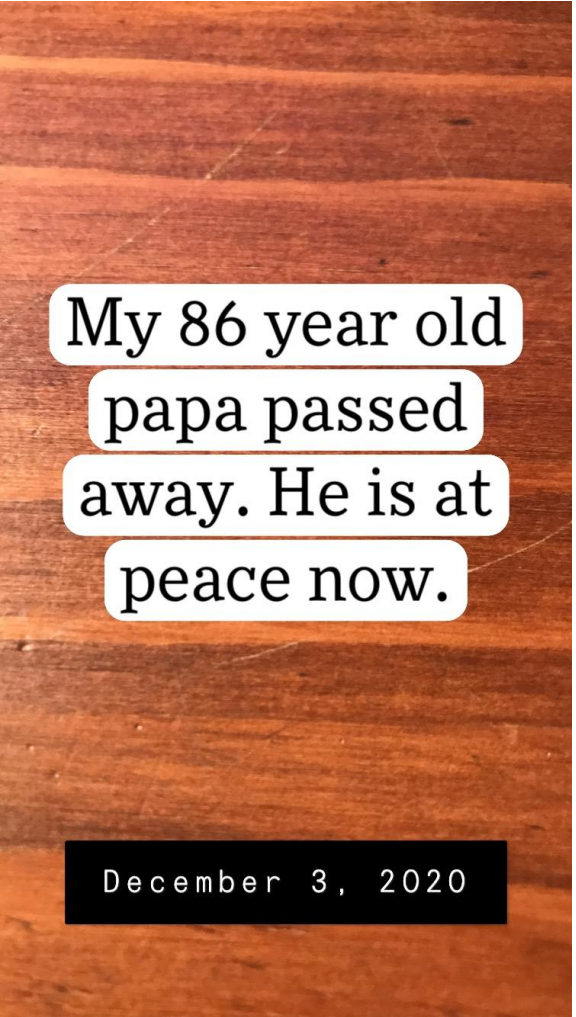
Knowledge is  
POWER

Just registered for my last couple of  
undergraduate classes

#GraduationMay2021

# In Memory

I come from a large Italian family. Weekends are normally spent around a crowded table full of food with lots of aunts, uncles, cousins, and of course my nana and papa. Last year my papa moved into an assisted living home for seniors because his dementia was worsening. When I moved earlier this year I moved in with my nana to help take care of her. Due to COVID, my nana was unable to visit my papa like she used to. My papa lived a fulfilling life. I just hope my nana can find peace too.



My 86 year old  
papa passed  
away. He is at  
peace now.

December 3, 2020

# Are We There Yet?

One more week. One more week. One more week...

2020? 1/10. Zero stars, would not recommend.

