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During the past year, COVID-19 has taken over the lives of everyone. We were forced to quarantine, and everything was done virtually. Online school has been a rollercoaster for me. As a freshman, I always imagined college to be an adventure and fun. That thought quickly left my head when school began. There are much more benefits "on the ground" in the classroom. Being face to face and interactive with others is much more comfortable than speaking through a camera. One does not have to worry about internet issues or if he current will go off, so it is less stressful. It is easier get access to counselors and advisors in person than virtually. There are not that many limitations when "on the ground".

Virtual learning is much more difficult than being physically in a classroom. One is limited to having one and one sessions with tutors, professors, and counselors. There are also no interactions with people which is also very annoying. With virtual learning, it feels more like getting assignments done before deadlines, than learning the information given out. It stressful to think about if the internet will work good today or if the power will stay on. It all adds to the stress, which I think is totally insane since this should be a fun and exciting experience.

In the future, I hope to be back in physical classrooms and to be able to interact with my peers. I also expect that if we do stay virtual, that teachers will take it easier on the students. Virtual school isn't easy for everyone and has some sort of struggle.