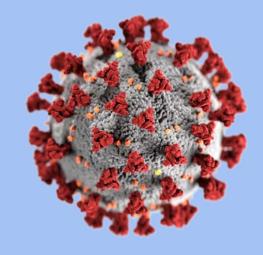
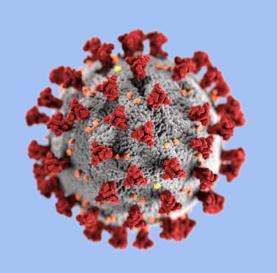


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Who am I?



- My name is
- In 2020, I was a graduating senior in River City High School
- I am an avid AP student with a 4.08 GPA
- My extracurricular hobbies include: dance, theatre, writing, and more

How COVID-19 Affected My School



- During the spring term I was enrolled in 3 AP classes and Chinese 4
- My classes were to prepare me for tests, be that be AP tests and the Seal of Biliteracy
 - Because of the stay-at-home order in Yolo County, learning and studying for these tests became difficult

 My teachers resorted to teaching mainly through Google Classroom with the occasional Zoom call.



How COVID-19 Affect My Senior Year

- As I've said before, I am the graduating class of 2020 at River City High School
- I sadly missed out on seeing my classmates and friends for the last time as many of us are going to different colleges around the world
- I also missed out on prom
 - I prepared a lot for it; I have my dress, chosen my hairstyle, and planned to go with my friends

- From what I can tell, my sister
 (graduating from 8th grade)
 received a drive through
 graduation along with other of my
 friends from other schools
- My school decided to do a virtual call graduation where we sit and listen to speeches and watch slideshows
 - To make matters more sad, this is to be combined with the other 3 high schools in Yolo County

How COVID-19 Affect AP Testing

- College Board decided to continue with AP Testing during this pandemic
- The AP test was to be online. We had 45 min to do one or two responses and an extra five minutes to turn them in
- Many people had difficulty that weren't exactly their own fault
 - The submit button wouldn't work, family members got in the way, lack of good internet access, etc.
- Submitting the work was way more stressful than doing the actual test

How COVID-19 Affect AP Testing

- The AP test was still charged for the same price
 - \$94 (what I had to pay)
- The test times were worldwide
 - So taking a test at 11:00 am
 PST would be 2:00 am in
 China
 - College Board also participated in a scandal on Reddit when they tried to convince students to cheat in order to catch them
 - They are currently facing a \$500 mil lawsuit

Many believe that College Board was taking advantage of this situation in order to gain more money as usual Sadly, the SAT, ACT, and AP

testing are all done by College Board alone so it is difficult to get into college without paying College Board

This year actually, the College Board required students to pay earlier and commit to the AP test before the students felt prepared or confident in the material



How COVID-19 Affected My Theatre Production



- Within school, I was a part of RCHS Productions
 - We were in the middle of rehearsing for the musical Into The Woods by Stephen Sondheim when we were interrupted due to school closures
- Sadly, we are not able to continue with the musical for this year, however, our director plans to resume rehearsals in the Fall and attempt to bring back the seniors who were originally in the cast and crew



How COVID-19 Affect My Dance

- I am a dancer at River City Dance Academy
- Because of the stay-at-home order, my instructors resorted to online classes where they record warm ups and our recital choreography for us to practice to at home
- In May, when the stay-at-home orders laxed a bit, they organized a dance drive in where students dance outdoors, six feet apart

How COVID-19 Affect My Family Life



- My family life actually healthier than others
- We often go out on walks and play games with each other
- We do stay in our own rooms to call our own friends

How COVID-19 Affected Me

- Towards the beginning, I used the extra time to work on my writing
- Eventually, my mental health and self-esteem lowered
 - Added stress from AP testing and college application did not help
- I've had many ups and downs and mainly downs

- I began learning how to embroider to pass some time
- I've also worked on doing makeup better
- I continued to dance and began choreography some things to push me out of my comfort zone



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