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Chat

From Abby to Everyone

“The virus definitely affected my college plans. There are a multiple schools that I was either waitlisted or accepted at, and I have not yet had an opportunity to visit. At this point, if I chose any of them, I would be forced to commit before actually visiting, seeing and experiencing the campus culture in person. That is definitely not something I would want for me or anyone else, as it is a really important decision, and I would not feel comfortable committing to a college without visiting ... With the virus being so transmissible, we did see it coming. So, we were not in the middle of traveling and needing to turn back home, which I am sure would have been immensely stressful ... I will not have the memory of senior prom or graduation, but I am more worried about my college choices. With less direct knowledge, I feel more as if I might choose the ‘wrong’ place whether or not that is a logical thought.”


From Julian to Everyone

“Last year I scheduled a trip to China through Education First Tours, and we were working on getting the necessary visas. Then one day I was watching the news, and that is when I first heard about the coronavirus ... I honestly did not think too much about it and was not too worried about our trip being canceled; it was the last thing on my mind. I thought it was just going to blow over, but boy was I wrong. China went into a lockdown and the tour company gave us three different options: they could refund half of our money, we could choose to go somewhere else at the same time or we could get a voucher to go wherever and whenever we wanted ... My group was trying to decide on where else to go and we decided on a tour of Italy. We all know how it is going for Italy at the moment, so my family just decided to take the voucher and put it towards my trip to Thailand next year.”

From Lou to Everyone


“The first thing that I heard that was affected was my two jobs through Ladue I lost. For my summer job, I work for Stages St. Louis, and that is potentially canceled — we do not really know yet. If that was canceled, I’d lose about \$6,000, so my first major change was for college to actually live at home for another year to keep saving money. I am also a student worker for the Performing Arts Center. All of the band and orchestra and choir concerts got canceled and I am one of the camera operators for the scoreboard outside. But once again, all sporting events were canceled ... I will still be going to college — I’m going to Webster — but I will be living at home and just commuting to campus for one year and then I’ll swap depending on my situation ... I do not think anyone really expected [COVID-19] to hit on a scale this large. Just thinking about everyone who does not have the stuff that I do — even though I am out of my jobs, I still have parents that help me. Not everyone is as fortunate as I am when it comes to this.”

SENIOR
SUSPENSIONS




Abby Bernstein

Ladue Senior
(Photo Courtesy of Abby Bernstein)



Julian Carroll


Ladue Senior
(Photo Courtesy of Julian Carroll)



Lou Ritter


Ladue Senior
(Photo Courtesy of Lou Ritter)

COLLEGE
CANCELLATIONS




Trey Fruend

Texas Christian University Freshman
(Photo Courtesy of Trey Fruend)



Riley Mazjun

Truman State University Sophomore
(Photo Courtesy of Riley Mazjun)



Zoe Williams

Florida A&M University Sophomore
(Photo Courtesy of Zoe Williams)

Chat

From Trey to Everyone

“I was already home for spring break when I got the news that our spring break would be extended for another three weeks. About a week later, they canceled the rest of on-campus learning for the semester as we would be transitioning to online-only classes for the rest of the year ... Unfortunately, basically all the stuff I didn’t take home with me for spring break is still in my dorm room. So most of my clothes, books, shoes and other items are still at college since I didn’t have time to go back to get it once school was called off ... Now, I am taking online classes; it’s less engaging, but in many ways it’s easier since the professors are much more flexible since they understand the amount of change this situation has caused. While this semester obviously didn’t go as planned, it just means the following semester will be better. I’ll be better able to appreciate my time in college after going through this experience.”

From Riley to Everyone

“The process of leaving college was very chaotic. It took Truman a while to figure out their process, so it was a week and a half of confusion and not knowing when I’d have access to critical nursing equipment and textbooks. I was then given three hours to leave campus with all of my belongings ... I never would have imagined how much this virus would affect my learning. I personally don’t mind an online format, but as I am starting clinicals as a nursing student in the fall, it’s stressful to finish learning important assessments online like having to perform physical assessments over video ... All of my grades are pretty much the same, no lenience will be allowed — especially not for nursing classes, as a Truman nursing A is equivalent to a 93 percent or higher. I hope professors continue to be understanding about the inconvenience of working from home ... I have online classes until the second week of May and I’m hoping that the online format is done after the spring semester.”

From Zoe to Everyone

“I was actually supposed to be going on a cruise for spring break when they sent out a newsletter from my school saying that due to the COVID-19 outbreak around the world, my school would be switching to distant learning for two weeks following spring break. I canceled my cruise and packed to go home. The only things I left were big items like my TV, bedding and other things I did not find essential ... I am currently taking all eight of my classes online. Not only has online learning affected the students but it has also affected the teachers tremendously. There are missteps in communication and organization that have rendered things challenging ... The internet can be slow and the quiet that I could find in my apartment in Tallahassee is not easily found here at home ... I may or may not be able to do my summer in-pharmacy experiences, which I must complete in order to graduate. My white coat ceremony in August may be canceled and I am afraid of more uncertainties at the moment.”

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