

# SPREADING hope

SOCIAL MEDIA FEEDS FLOOD WITH TRENDS AS STUDENTS DESPERATELY STAY CONNECTED ONLINE

**until tomorrow**  
Many students participated in the “until tomorrow” challenge, which consisted of posting a silly, awkward, “ugly”, or throwback picture of themselves with no explanation besides the caption, until tomorrow. shaya lebauer ’22 “I did this because I thought it would be really funny to put these pictures out there, and I was extremely bored,” Shaya Lebauer ’22 said. “I think this trend just gave everyone something fun to do together while still being apart.” Photo Courtesy: S. Labauer



**walk-up challenge**  
Max Slavin ’22 posted his walk-up song, “Ring of Fire,” as part of the Walk Up challenge for baseball players. The trend starts by a player nominating a few others, then those individuals post their own songs and nominate more friends. “I did this trend because our season got taken away from us, so we didn’t get to share certain things like our walk up song,” Slavin said. Photo Courtesy: M. Slavin



**spread positivity**  
Rachel Benner ’22 participated in the ‘Spread Positivity’ challenge, where girls share a beautiful photo of themselves and tag 10 others to do the same. The trend was meant to showcase women supporting women in the time of quarantine. “It’s always a good feeling when you make someone smile just by posting a post like this,” Benner said. Photo Courtesy: R. Benner



**PANDEMIC IN pencil**  
PUTTING THOUGHTS, FEELINGS, AND TIME ONTO PAPER THROUGH ART  
Expressing her emotions surrounding covid-19, Claire Price creates a sketch to symbolize the pandemic. The skull illustrates her perspective on the current state of the Coronavirus and society, and the butterflies represent the silver lining and hope, while fangs are symbolic of media hysteria. Price’s art depicts a hole in the skull that is a consequence of anxiety. “I’ve been doing a lot of thinking and I realized that we are the source. 50 years from now, when our kids are studying the Covid-19 pandemic of 2020, they’ll be looking to us for information,” Price said.

FOR A MOMENT, THE WORLD HELD ITS BREATH. LIFE WAS AT A STANDSTILL - ROADS AND SCHOOLS LEFT EMPTY, EVENTS LEFT CANCELED. WHILE A PANDEMIC SPREAD AROUND THE WORLD, STUDENTS STAYED HOME, TRYING TO WORK ON SCHOOL AND FACETIME THEIR FRIENDS. WITH A STATE-WIDE LOCK DOWN THROUGH APRIL 17, NORMAL END-OF-YEAR EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS CEASED TO EXIST. ALL COUNTRIES SHADED DARKER BLUE HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE PANDEMIC

3,170 TOTAL DEATHS  
USA AS OF 3.31.20

7,340 DEATHS  
SPAIN AS OF 3.31.20

11,591 TOTAL DEATHS  
ITALY AS OF 3.31.20

3,309 TOTAL DEATHS  
CHINA AS OF 3.31.20

WUHAN, CHINA

**1** Prom was postponed from its original April 4 date to May 16.

**2** All state-wide standardized testing was canceled March 17, which included in-person AP exams, SAT/ACT testing and CMIAS. DOUGLAS COUNTY STUDENTS ALSO MISSED THEIR FALL PSAT OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE OF A SNOW DAY OCT. 30.

**3** College Board announced that students would take 45 minute long, at-home exams on one of two testing dates March 20.

“I can’t play in my senior volleyball season, which kind of sucks because we were really good this year,” Dhruv Modi ’20 said. “Everyone’s kind of upset because we were looking forward to the season.”

**4** CHSAA (Colorado High School Activities Association) announced that all after school activities and athletics are to be postponed until April 18. INCLUDING ALL SPRING SPORTS, MUSIC EVENTS, THE CHSAA HALL OF FAME, CHSAA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING, AND SPEECH AND DEBATE

“It’s really upsetting that spring sports are canceled because since I do lacrosse, it’s my season as a junior to be able to get recruited,” Teagan Osoba ’21 said. “Without that opportunity, it prevents me from being able to follow my dream [of becoming] the best player that I can be.”

**prejudice FROM THE PANDEMIC**  
AS AMERICANS LEARN THE VIRUS’ ORIGIN, WUHAN CHINA, MINORITIES FEAR FOR THEIR SAFETY AND ACCEPTANCE



“IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WE LIVE IN, PEOPLE ARE GENERALLY SMARTER THAN JUST ASSUMING THINGS.” SHERRIE CAO ’20 SAID. “IT’S PATHETIC OF THEM TO BULLY US BECAUSE THEY ASSUME THINGS. YOU CAN’T DO ANYTHING ABOUT FEAR, BUT YOU CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT BEING EDUCATED. AT THIS POINT, IT’S REALLY BIASED. TYPICALLY, I’M NOT REALLY WORRIED BECAUSE PERSONALLY, I KNOW MORE INFORMATION THAN THE PEOPLE BLAMING US. IT’S MORE ABOUT BEING ON THE EDUCATED SIDE, RATHER THAN POINTING THE FINGER AT EVERY ASIAN.” Photo Courtesy: S. Cao

“I’VE NEVER BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT MY RACE.” FIONA CHEN ’21 SAID. “I’VE NEVER REALLY CARED AND I’VE NEVER REALLY FELT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, BUT THIS IS THE ONLY TIME I’VE ACTUALLY FELT SCARED TO BE MY RACE. I’M SCARED THAT PEOPLE ARE GOING TO JUDGE AND STARE WHEN I GO OUT. I HEAR ABOUT EVERYONE BUYING AND WEARING MASKS, BUT IF YOU’RE AN ASIAN AND YOU’RE WEARING A MASK, YOU’RE GOING TO GET BEAT UP. IT’S SCARY. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I’VE EVER FELT LIKE I DON’T WANT TO BE ASIAN.” Photo Courtesy: F. Chen

“THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO CAME UP TO ME AND SAID ‘YOU’LL PROBABLY HAVE THE CORONAVIRUS.’” EM NGUYEN ’21 SAID. “ASIAN RACISM HASN’T BEEN TALKED ABOUT AS A BIG DEAL BECAUSE USUALLY IT’S NOT BAD THINGS. IT’S USUALLY ‘OH YOU’RE ASIAN, YOU MUST BE SMART.’ CORONAVIRUS HAS BROUGHT ATTENTION TO ASIAN RACISM AND THAT IT IS STILL BAD. THE FACT THAT IT HAS SPARKED HATE CRIMES AND ATTACKS TO PEOPLE AROUND THE GLOBE REALLY SAYS SOMETHING ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY. PEOPLE ARE BOYCOTTING CHINESE RESTAURANTS BECAUSE THEY THINK THAT THEY’LL GET CORONAVIRUS. BUT I DON’T SEE ANYONE BOYCOTTING PASTA. AND ITALY IS THE COUNTRY WITH THE SECOND-HIGHEST AMOUNT OF CASES.” Photo Courtesy: E. Nguyen

# STOPPING THE spread

CORONAVIRUS CONCERNS SWEEPED THROUGH COLORADO BEFORE SPRING BREAK, CAUSING CANCELLATIONS, CHANGES AND CHAOS

SOURCE: EUROPEAN CENTER FOR DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

## HOW DID WE make IT HERE?

A TIMELINE OF THE CORONAVIRUS EVENTS THAT LED TO NUMEROUS CANCELLATIONS AND REMOTE LEARNING  
SOURCE: NY TIMES, CNN, DENVER POST

**virus in the world**  
First noticed by Chinese medical professionals in Dec. 2019, the coronavirus spread across borders and oceans. By Jan. 30, the World Health Organization named the coronavirus a global health emergency. By February, the Diamond Princess cruise ship was under a two-week quarantine, a total of 621 passengers were infected. Feb. 23, Italy started to shut down towns in response to growing numbers of infection. By March, every continent had a coronavirus case, except Antarctica.  
**Dec. 2019**

**welcome to the US**  
The first US case of coronavirus was a man who traveled from Wuhan, China to Washington. This was reported Jan. 20, according to the New York Times. By Jan. 31, President Trump banned entry of any person who traveled to China in the past two weeks. Feb. 24, the Trump administration asked Congress for \$1.25 billion in emergency funds in response to the 35 COVID-19 cases the US had at the time.  
**Jan. 2020**

**rocky mountain high**  
Colorado’s first case of COVID-9 was a Summit County man with recent travel to Italy. It was reported March 5. Maryland joined Colorado with its first reported case on the same day. The stock market also closed more than 3%. (DOW closed 3.6% lower, its fifth-worst one-day point drop in history.) By this time, Texas, New York, Washington, California, Rhode Island and other states all reported cases. There were 164 total US cases March 5.  
**March 5**

**faculty meeting**  
March 12, Principal Abner called a meeting with all faculty after school to address coronavirus concerns. At the meeting, Abner told teachers to prepare two weeks of lesson plans for the possibility of remote learning. “We understand that this is going to present challenges. Try to think outside the box,” Abner said to staff.  
**March 12**

**the first closure**  
March 13, Douglas County School District Superintendent Thomas Tucker announced that all DCSD schools would be closed from March 14-March 27. The closure included a week for spring break and one week of remote learning. The Friday before spring break, March 13, teachers went over plans for remote learning in their classes. Students and teachers helped to cover classroom supplies in plastic sheets, to protect them from the chemical sanitizer that would be sprayed over break.  
**March 13**

**extending closure**  
Governor Polis announced the evening of March 18 that state-wide school closures would be extended through April 17. According to the Centers for Disease Control, long school closures could help to mitigate the spread of coronavirus. All state-wide standardized testing was canceled. At the time, there were 160 presumptive positive cases of coronavirus in Colorado.  
**March 18**

**everything on lock**  
After the number of coronavirus deaths nearly doubled in Colorado, from 11 to 19 in one night, Governor Polis announced a state-wide lock-down March 25. The lock-down affects all 5.7 million Coloradoans, requiring them to stay home except for essential business, health or food shopping. While it was a misdemeanor to neglect the lock-down, local law enforcement in Douglas County announced that they would not be ticketing or arresting anyone.  
**March 25**