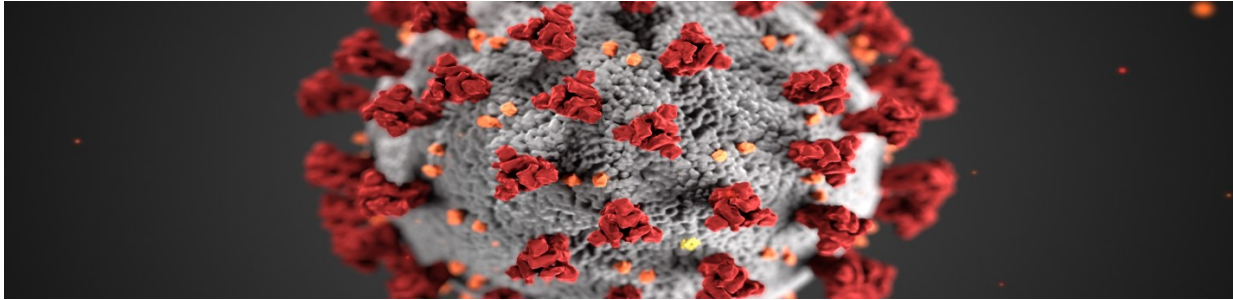


Documenting the AUC Response to COVID-19 Collection



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Anonymous, AUC Community

“COVID-19 has essentially taken away what would’ve been the most memorable times of my final lap at CAU. As a member of the AUC, I am deprived of my stride across the grass in May, my sacred grass photo shoot, senior week with friends, and the opportunity to be celebrated by those I love. I have been snatched abruptly from what was my home for the past 4 years. I wasn’t able to say proper goodbyes to friends and professors whom are now like my family. I am not fond of my online class experience due to COVID-19. Everyone was unprepared and it shows. I have not learned anything since we transitioned to remote learning. Somehow my stress levels are much more significant now than they were when I was on campus. I have been in the oddest place mentally due to struggles of balancing online work, graduate school applications, grieving my senior year losses, and readjusting to home. COVID-19 has taken away events I valued deeply and it will hurt for a very long time. It is unfortunate that many fail to empathize. Administration mishandles the delivery of information concerning graduation to the class of 2020. Clark was my home and by the end of May, I would have prepared for weeks to say goodbye. I persevered for four long years to make May 18, 2020, one of the greatest days of my life. All of the all-nighters, early morning classes, long hours in the library, and financial struggles would have all been worthwhile. Although I am sad that I won’t get to return to campus and reclaim my time, I am grateful for the unforgettable experiences. Despite it all, I am thankful to God that my family and I are alive and well.”