

Dear Diary,

One year ago today, was the day that everything shuttered.

One year ago today, was the last day that we had “normalcy.”

One year ago today, was the last day we were outside, without masks, without being separated from each other with 6 feet.

We were innocent high school seniors, looking forward to prom and graduation.

We were innocent high school seniors, not knowing what’s to come.

We were innocent high school seniors, wanting a break from the daily dramas and the endless schoolwork.

And then, all of a sudden, BAM, on Sunday evening, we were told that schools will be closed until April the 20th.

Though we were hopeful, the light was dim.

We somehow knew, that it meant indefinitely.

We were shocked, we were scared, we were full of fear, we were devastated!

We didn’t know what’s ahead of us, how long would it last, but more importantly, would we ever get to see our friends again?

We’d been looking forward to our senior memories SO MUCH, the time that we’d spend with friends, the night that we’d gather together, the autographs that we’d record onto each other’s yearbooks, but most importantly, the MOMENT THAT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US WOULD WALK ACROSS THE STAGE, WITH EACH AND EVERY NAME CALLED, CHEERED ON BY OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, CELEBRATING OUR MOST IMPORTANT MILESTONE.

All of a sudden, they were gone! They were ROBBED by a new, powerful thing called the coronavirus, also known as COVID-19. We were suddenly left in fear, scare, unease, and terrified of what’s going to happen ahead of us.

We were scared about ourselves, our friends and family. We were stuck at home, isolated, not just alone, but LONELY. We were alone, and we were scared.

However, one year later today, we have PROVEN, THAT WE ARE STRONG! WE HAVE PROVEN, THAT WE CAN GET THROUGH THIS! WE HAVE PROVEN, THAT WE CAN ADAPT! BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE HAVE PROVEN, THAT OUR GENERATION IS NOT AFRAID OF CHALLENGES! WE HAVE PROVEN, THAT WE WILL RISE TO THE OCCASION, COME AT WHATEVER THAT IS COMING AT US!

Now, we are proving that we are resilient! We are proving that we can adapt! We are proving that despite all the struggles that have been THROWN at us in a fist, we can STILL persevere!

WE WILL BE THE GREATEST GENERATION FOR AGES TO COME! WE ARE STRONG! WE ARE RESILIENT! WE ARE OPEN MINDED! BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE ARE COURAGEOUS! WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS STRONGER THAN EVER!