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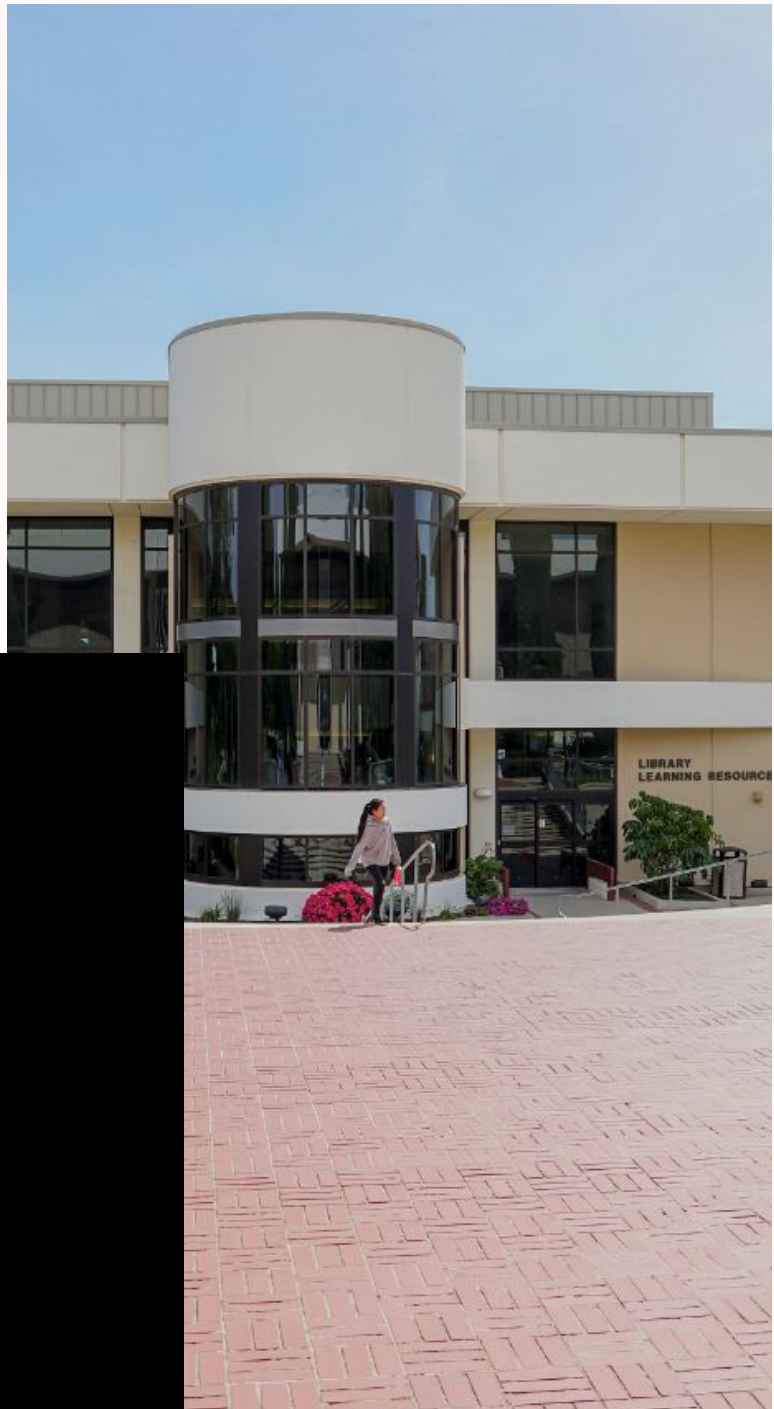
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Quarantine Tales

WRITTEN BY HERYKA LIMA

Hi everybody,

My name is Heryka, I'm from Brazil and I'm a pre-nursing student. Quarantine hasn't been easy for me. I'm a very active person and I love doing outdoor activities, going out and traveling. At the beginning it was nice to have some extra time for myself, but after a while I was totally ready to go back to my normal routine. However, I knew it wouldn't happen soon, so I decided to take advantage of all this free time, and I'm also trying to see the bright side of this chaotic moment we're living in.

I decided to improve old hobbies and find new ones. For example, I love reading... so during this time I'm reading more books than usual. I am also improving my skills on mountain biking, since I have started it a couple months ago but never have had the time to improve it. Besides that, I decided to learn muay tai, so I bought the pads and gloves, and I simply started watching some videos on YouTube and I'm still figuring it out. And because the gyms are closed, I've been running outdoors a lot, which I love, but with a normal/busy schedule I was never able to do it more than once a week.

Before the pandemic, I was looking forward to the summer, since I love the warm weather and going to the beach. I also had a trip planned to Alaska, but unfortunately I had to cancel it. Because of the quarantine, I know that I won't be able to enjoy the summer as I wanted, so I am already thinking about new things to do and develop. I am a coffee lover, and I've always wanted to know more about it, so I can start roasting and brewing my own coffee over the summer. I also love wine, so the next step/hobby (after making my own coffee) is learning the process of making wine on my own. It's a really messy process, but I'm sure I'm going to have so much fun getting into this.

Whenever I feel suffocated for being "stuck" at home (having online classes and working remotely), I try to go outside for a run, walk or bike ride. It's not been easy but I'm trying to do my best during this time. Some days are full of fun and I feel full of energy, but there are days I'm not feeling the best, and I'm learning that it's ok having slow days and not feeling motivated all the time. The whole world is facing this difficult time, and we are all together on this. I have faith that one day, this is all gonna be over, and the only thing left will be the history to be taught to the next generations.

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WRITTEN BY NATALIE SHEEHAN

My name is Natalie Sheehan and I am a graduating Student Worker! I am so glad I was offered the opportunity to work here, it has really been a pleasure working with those who have come and gone during my last 2 1/2 years at the library. I feel like I have learned so much from working here and I know this experience will be a big help in my future endeavors in library work. I'll still be working here through the summer, but it's a big see ya from me! Thanks everyone.

I have a lot of favorite parts about working at the library. Shelving books was definitely one of them. It was nice to get away from the desk once in a while, and after putting the books away enough times I started to learn where certain books went based on the subject and not just by looking at the call numbers. The Circulation Desk is my absolute favorite desk to work at because not only do I get the opportunity to handle books on the daily, I could also interact with people on the daily too! Helping a student out with whatever they need is very satisfying. Lastly I would say the people, creating relationships with my co-workers was so much fun and I cherish every conversation I had ever with them.

This upcoming fall semester, I will be transferring to Channel Islands as a Sociology major! While this will not be happening for a good while, my big career goal is to become a librarian one day! I was inspired by my English teacher from high school who would take over as the head librarian during my junior year. She was teaching a new class called "Library Science" which mostly consisted of learning how to shelve-read, write tons of papers about library related things, and how to take care of the library in general. I'm not a huge reader, but this teacher encourage me to read more often and needless to say it stuck! All in all she is the reason why I not only wanted to work in the library, but become an actual librarian one day.

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WRITTEN BY CARISSA FERNANDEZ

Hi everyone! My name is Carissa and I have been attending Moorpark College for 2 years and have been dealing with quarantine just like you. Something I found difficult was dealing with the move of all of my classes online. It was something that was necessary to stop the spread that every student dealt with. In the beginning it was easy to stay motivated but as time went on my motivation slowly started to disappear. There are so many distractions at home like your phone and Netflix and for me it was way easier to watch a couple episodes of whatever I was binge watching that week than it was to watch a 2 hour lecture. Something that really helped me was making a schedule of what I had to do throughout the week. I would write down all the assignments I had to do that week on a piece of paper so I could visually see what I had to do and make sure I gave myself enough time to do each assignment. Making a schedule of what I had to do every week was something that I always did but became extremely helpful in a time like this.

Quarantine has given everyone an excess amount of time and besides filling my time with schoolwork I have been playing Animal Crossing New Horizons. The game came out right at the beginning of quarantine so it has been something I have been doing everyday. The game lets you take your mind off of everything that is really happening with activities like fishing, catching butterflies, and building the perfect island, which is why I find the game so appealing in a time like this. In the game you can also invite your friends your island which is a great way to "hangout" with them even when I can't. Animal Crossing New Horizons has become the perfect game to play during quarantine because it lets you do things that you aren't allowed to do during a pandemic which is why I enjoy playing it so much.

I have also been trying to stay connected to my friends and family. Facetime has been something I can use regularly so that I can still talk to them. Although I can't see my friends in person, Facetime lets me see them and feel like we are together. I have been talking to my friends and family everyday either with Facetime calls or just with a text saying hey to make sure they are doing alright and we stay connected.

