

a letter to the **VIRUS**

After the COVID-19 pandemic caused spring sports to be suspended and end of year events remain up in the air, seniors express their feelings and worries

“IT SUCKS BECAUSE WE’RE MISSING OUT ON OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE ONCE IN A LIFETIME.”

Carmen Palmlad ‘20

“I’VE BEEN ROBBED FROM ENJOYING ALL MY LASTS OF SENIOR YEAR.”

Manal Shami ‘20



Photo courtesy of Grace Frunzi

grace frunzi ‘20

“The COVID-19 virus has taken a lot of things away from me and the class of 2020. Not only has it taken away us being able to go to school for the majority of our last term of high school, but we might not even get to go back. That makes me really sad because I might have gone to my last day of senior year without knowing it. We’re supposed to have fun this term, supposed to get prom, senior ditch day, sports, our senior prank, the move up assembly, senior sunset. And at this point it’s looking like we’re not going to get any of those things. Besides all the little things that the COVID-19 virus is taking away, my biggest fear is that graduation will be canceled. I’m very aware that there’s so many more important things going on regarding the COVID-19 virus, but I and so many others have been looking forward to being able to walk across the Red Rocks stage on May 20. We have been working towards that moment for 13 years now and we might be getting it taken away just like that. The COVID-19 virus was able to take the most important part of our senior year and throw it down the trash.”

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Photo courtesy of Marissa Garcia

marissa garcia ‘20

“The COVID-19 virus is ruining the end of my senior year as we can’t go to school and spend the last couple months with our friends and our favorite teachers. It has taken the last fun part of high school away. It has ended my golf season as well. We played one golf tournament and that’s it. During our tournament, we were notified that it was being suspended. Knowing that my senior golf season has ended is really sad as I have to say goodbye to all my teammates so soon. I’ve been playing golf since I was little, but never took it serious until six months before freshman year and I’ve made varsity all four years. I’ve waited 13 years for this and for the virus to take this away from all seniors around the world is so sad. All of us have worked so hard and all we want is to have the last few months of high school to do the fun things, like senior ditch day, senior pranks, prom, get ready for graduation. I’ve waited 13 years for my accomplishments to be recognized and I really hope that this virus doesn’t take away graduation.”

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Photo courtesy of Collin McKenna

collin mckenna ‘20

“The COVID-19 virus really threw the end of my senior year off track. I envisioned the end of my senior year as some of the most fun I would have had up to this point in my life and because of the COVID-19 virus, I feel as though I’ve been robbed of opportunities to hang out with people who I may never see again. Also, I was super amped for swim season to start, and I felt great for the first week of practice. I was bummed out when I heard that spring sports had been temporarily suspended, but ultimately heartbroken to find out that because of the extensions to the suspension of sports, my senior season was essentially over before it even started. The virus has made me seriously concerned about graduation as well. I’ve spent the entire year picturing what walking across the stage at Red Rocks would be like, but now some doubt has started to creep in about whether or not we’re going to get to even have a real, physical graduation. I will say, though, that I’d rather walk across a stage that isn’t Red Rocks than to not walk at all. So if that means delaying the ceremony until June or something, I’m all for it, as long as I get to actually walk across a stage somewhere.”

“MY SENIOR SEASON WAS ESSENTIALLY OVER BEFORE IT EVEN STARTED.”



Aspen Parker

aspen parker ‘20

“The last term of high school brings so many exciting events for seniors. However, a lot of these things were ripped from our hands due to the COVID-19 virus. This term, I was supposed to have my last CHSAA large group contest, my favorite choir event of the year. I was also supposed to have my last CHSAA Vocal Gala, an event only a few choirs get chosen to perform at, as well as my first and last UNC Jazz Festival, however, none of these events get to take place due to the COVID-19 virus. As a senior, it is a very hard fact to face knowing that you are never again going to be able to experience the things you enjoyed most in high school, or the things you looked forward to for so long.”

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