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### Corona Is the Devil

So I am writing this as I sit in my bed after writing reflecting on a the past week. School has moved completely online and that a lot of fun. Work has deemed me as an essential employee. While South Carolina is just taking its time to react to the virus. And the family has cabin fever after two weeks of being shut in the house together.

I am currently at Coastal Carolina University, in a master's program. Classes have not been that bad and these have been the first ones that I have actually enjoyed so, of course there world pandemic. That's me just complaining, but there has been some serious issues since moving to the online format. The pressure of not having actual class and the face time with a professor has made most of us stress out. Then there are the switching to Zoom, Google Classroom, or Skype to try and substitute it, but it is not the same. Compounded other personal issues I have seen multiple classmates drop out. While other are scared they are going to fail.

I am your average college student that is trying to work enough to get by and still get school work done. I have been working in restaurants for the past 7 years and now I am a cook at an Italian place by my college. Since, the virus hit our area almost all of the students that are not locals have returned home. This have left many business with only half of the staff they normally have. And even though we are in the middle of a Pandemic business goes on. Basically whoever is left to work is working overtime and if you do not show up you are cut from the schedule. Over worked employees, lower sells, and an uncertain future has made the work place to become semi toxic.

I am the only one in the house that is regularly going out because of the risk to my parents and grandmother. Which has led to a couple of interesting days. I received a dreaded call the other day, we were low on toilet paper. So, began a day long adventure to find toilet paper. After the panic buyers horded year long , our local store did not have any in-stock. I went to 13 stores around the area that I live and then decided to expand my search radius. I ended up driving 45 minutes to a bordering county. The county that I drove to is a very country and has a lower population density than my county. The 15th and last store that I was going to go to I struck toilet paper gold, but I did not but all of them I was respectful and only got two.

Overall this first week thinking back has been full of experiences. These past couple of weeks have been trying for everyone. Some people have devolved into disrespectful people, while others have stepped up to help others. Let's keep on pushing and get through this next week.