“Hello, this is Joe Scarborough coming’ with you live. Scientists still haven’t found a vaccine for COV-” I click the power button on the remote with anger, sadness, and a tint of happiness. This virus has kept us locked in our houses for more than three weeks now. It feels like my whole imaginative, energetic world has shut down for the very first time. The moment I heard school was closing for the rest of the year, my smile abruptly… disappeared. I am an effervescent extrovert, so socializing and communicating with others is a part of my life. Even when I have ZOOM meetings with our classmates, it feels like I’m just talking to a screen, not those enjoyable, humorous, and warm friends I saw at school. The faces on the computer don’t feel the same as they would in person. In addition, I love the feeling when you’re sitting in the plane watching movies, waiting for the long flight to land at your destination. However, this summer, we can’t go to Athens, Greece. The landmarks and exciting places… all GONE!! But then I remember a saying my parents said to me when I was about 8 years old. “Their will be a time where you will be in a challenge that you have to face. Not losing your homework or getting rejected from a school, but something the whole world has to face, and you have to fight it.” Challenges are a part of us that are for us to learn from. Together, we have to fight COVID-19. In fact, although I sound like the encouraging one, I still feel as sad and dejected as all of you guys out there. But, we have to find ways to have those laughing and smiling times with our loved ones and family. All of us have to be strong. Maybe my profile was just right for this crisis.

P.S. All COVID patients, if you are reading this I have a very important message. It is not only up to healthcare workers or doctors to hand you a cure or ventilator, it is up to you to stay strong and fight the virus.