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Relation to Maritime College

Student

In general, how has COVID-19 affected you as a member of the Maritime College community?

Although I am a student at Maritime College, just like everyone else around me and the upperclassmen above me, I almost feel like I am not a full member of the school as a result of the restrictions put into place as a result of COVID-19. Before the pandemic, I imagined my college experience at Maritime to be filled with actually going to class, full meets and formation for NROTC, sports, hanging out with friends, and so much more. However, because of the restrictions due to COVID-19, i was only able to get a small slice of that full experience.

What was it like to transition from learning or teaching in-person to online? Did you find it difficult to adjust? Why or why not?

It was a strange adjustment having to go from in-person learning to online, it felt very unnatural because I've spent my whole life learning in an in-person setting. Overall i do not enjoy online learning. It makes it very hard to concentrate or ask questions when you're staring at a grainy screen instead of actually being in the classroom. I feel like I can't focus because instead of being in a classroom where I am compelled to focus, I am in my house or in my room, a place where I go to relax and unwind.

At what point did you begin to worry about how COVID-19 would impact your semester at Maritime? How has your timeline to graduate or complete projects at Maritime changed?

I began to worry that COVID-19 would impact my semester at Maritime as soon as classes started. It took me a long time to get used to the routine of online learning but I also knew my experience would be different when I realized I had to have a mask on everywhere I go and social distancing was required everywhere I went.

These responses were pulled from questions on a Google Form sent to students, faculty, and staff of Maritime College in May 2020. The purpose of the Google Form was to collect stories from the Maritime College community to be included in the "Documenting COVID-19 at Maritime College" archival collection.