Photo Credit: Peter Bill, Pikes Place Market stands empty but for one ghost of a figure in the foreground.

Life in the time of COVID-19...
Happy Spring Quarter! Hope everyone is staying healthy and figuring things out okay for distance learning. If you need any assistance, all of OC's offices are open virtually via email, phone, and in some cases, zoom. Go to OC’s website for more info!
https://www.olympic.edu/

Just want to say thank you to all the doctors, nurses and other medical professionals out there, for their hard work during this pandemic. They are doing their best to help patients fight against this virus and get through this tough time. They are risking themselves out there every day to save as many lives as possible. We should help support and encourage them in what they’re doing. The best way to help them is to stay safe and healthy to help lessen their work. Don't forget to wash your hand frequently and if you can please stay home and avoid public places. Once again, thank you to all the medical professionals out there for their outstanding work.

-Taing Keo Chonodom

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Do not forget to get some sun during this time of stress and isolation. You may not be able to go hang out with friends, but a solo walk, run, or bike ride is perfectly fine and may help you feel less cooped up! It certainly has helped me.

-Caleb Lizon

What is social distancing like for YOU? How has COVID-19 impacted YOUR life right now? All students are welcome to post about the experiences they have had. Let us know on Facebook!
By Caleb Lizon

Where is our hope? We are living in a time of so much uncertainty, so much fear, and so much restlessness right now. Hope and positivity are what we need. How can we find it trapped at home by ourselves, though?

One way can be to turn to the artists of our world. Despite the shutdown, their work is in no decline. Adaption is the key. For instance, talk shows such as The Tonight Show hosted by Jimmy Fallon and The Late Late Show hosted by James Corden are still going out in an “At Home Edition” format. On the latter, in a recent installment, members of various casts of the acclaimed Broadway show, Dear Evan Hansen performed a video chat edition from their homes, of their song, “You Will Be Found”, an uplifting piece which promises that even if you feel alone sometimes, there is someone there for you, someone will find you.

In a completely different genre across time and space, Jodie Whittaker, the current actor to portray the wandering Timelord known as the Doctor from the British Sci-Fi series Doctor Who, recorded an in-character “emergency transmission” reassuring us that we will get through this. She reminded us to listen to science, be kind, and tell jokes, especially bad ones.

Finally, this Friday you have the opportunity to view a completely digital live play! Entitled Nexus, and penned by Danielle Mohlman, this production housing only two actors will be performed via Zoom from each’s respective living room. The show takes the form of a video chat conversation between two people in a relationship of physical addiction and modern love, showing in depth the complexities of human connection and where a relationship can go wrong. Tickets are by donation and can be reserved at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nexus-by-danielle-mohlman-tickets-101940721442.

These are but a few of ways art continues to persevere and give us all hope even in what seems like the bleakest of times.
Over Spring Break, I was in Hawaii. I was also in quarantine. During this time I had to get very inventive to find ways of keeping myself busy. I started with something creative, painting on canvases. I found photos on google to model or I just used my imagination and painted something random!

I played some Pokémon on my Nintendo 2DS to try and change things up but after a while it just got boring. Food prep was next. I learned how to cook and bake many different delicious recipes. My father used to make a lot of Filipino dishes for dinner. I have been learning how to cook some of them myself. I have learned how to make fried pork belly with tomato, onion and fish sauce as well as taro leaves with coconut milk. Next, I started baking things I found off Pinterest to supplement my new mental cookbook such as cookies and biscuit malasadas.

During this quarantine, I have learned a lot about myself. Right now, Hawaii is currently in their 5th day in a statewide quarantine. Whether you live there or somewhere else, don’t forget to be creative. You might learn something about yourself, too.