

Walsh's 2020 Commencement Ceremony

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On March 23, 2020, President Tim Collins announced via email that Walsh University's 2020 commencement ceremony was cancelled. This cancellation was a direct result of the coronavirus, a contagious virus that attacks the upper respiratory system of the body. In response to the COVID19 virus, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued a stay at home order effective until May 1, 2020. The cancellation was likely a direct result of this order.

In his email, President Collins offered several options for graduating seniors who will have to forgo their commencement ceremonies. "It is our intention to print and mail the commencement programs to all of the graduates as we honor their achievements," President Collins stated in his email. "Plan now ... at Homecoming Weekend 2025 we will celebrate the Class of 2020 with a special "commencement ceremony you never had" celebration in honor of your five-year anniversary." He also offered for the graduating

seniors to return to be honored at any other commencement ceremonies in the future.

In response to this cancellation, the senior class is disappointed. Many seniors expressed that by the time their five-year anniversary comes, they will be too busy working jobs and raising families to attend such a ceremony. Additionally, as many Walsh students move out of the state after graduation, traveling back to Ohio would be difficult.

However, Walsh's senior class is also resilient, and they understand the wisdom in Dr. Collins's decision. In a time when everyone is doing their part to help their communities stay safe and healthy, sacrifices are necessary. As Dr. Collins concluded in his email, "Yes, a ceremony is wonderful to have ... but your commitment to complete the degree despite all of the ups and downs along the way is what will carry you forward in pursuit of your life's purpose."

Thank you for your sacrifices, Class of 2020.

How Catholics Plan to Celebrate Easter at Home

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Throughout Northeast Ohio, greenery is blooming, birds are chirping, and colorful plastic eggs adorn the lawns of several homes in each neighborhood. These clues indicate that Easter, the holiday dedicated to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, is right around the corner. For the typical Catholic family, Easter is a time of reflection and celebration shared with parish communities, friends, and family members.

However, this Easter will be significantly different. Due to the recent outbreak of the coronavirus, an upper respiratory disease that attacks the epithelial cells lining the lungs, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued a stay at home order effective until May 1, 2020. This order was issued to both prevent further spread of the COVID19 disease, as well as protect the vulnerable, such as the elderly and those with

pre-existing medical conditions. As a result, the Cleveland diocese has closed most parishes. For Catholics, this means no Easter vigil service or Easter morning mass.

The loss of a 2020 Easter mass is significant. Easter is considered the most important event on the Catholic liturgical calendar, as it celebrates the triumphal resurrection of Jesus Christ after his crucifixion. On the Saturday prior to Easter Sunday, Catholics attend a late-night Easter vigil service to reflect on the death and passion of Jesus Christ. On Sunday morning, they then attend a celebratory Easter mass to commemorate His resurrection from the dead. During this Easter morning mass, confirmed Catholics receive the consecrated host.

In light of DeWine's stay at home order, Easter...

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President Collins Leads Walsh Through COVID-19

ALANA WATKINS, STAFF WRITER

In the fall semester of 2019, president Tim Collins began his new career as the President of Walsh University. He greeted students with cheerful handshakes and fist bumps on the first day of school. The students initially thought that Tim Collins would be a great president, and this proved to be true throughout the following semesters.

Things seemed to be going well at Walsh until March when the COVID-19 virus made its way to Ohio. Suddenly, President Collins was brought to the biggest challenge he may have faced in his career, let alone during his first year at Walsh: shutting down the face-to-face campus.

“There’s no doubt in my mind it has likely been the singularly the most disruptive event in most of our student’s lives,” Collins said. “We are by nature social people. So, friends, and support, and activities, things that just sort of hold us in our lives have just been torn away.”

Collins understands that students are struggling right now. He is especially worried about senior students after their graduation ceremony was canceled. Collins gave some advice to the seniors as a way of showing support and encouraging them to keep going.

“I always have advice for the graduating seniors,” Collins said. “My first piece of advice would be to stay strong. If you were strong before COVID-19 then you’re stronger now, otherwise, you wouldn’t be graduating. My second piece of advice is to remember with a college degree people look at you differently so step up and act differently. People will always be looking for leaders in our country. Remember why you’re leading. People are modeling what you do, and that should give you a great sense of satisfaction. Knowing just by who you are and what you do, you can, in fact, help others.”

So, what has president Collins been doing as students work from home and try to keep up with their coursework? Well, he’s been busy attending meetings and giving guidance and support to students and faculty.

“We’re busy, we’re meeting as a cabinet, meeting 3 hours a day and we have been since students came back from Italy that last week of February,” Collins said. “Our first focus was to make sure students are successful. While the students were transitioning from going to school from home, we’ve been transitioning the university to working from home. Our Lady of Perpetual Help is right there, she’s supporting us and encouraging us and sustaining us.”

Students and faculty alike have been facing the same issues of adjusting to their new schedules from home. The

campus residents were suddenly uprooted from their homes and the community became more distant. Collins acknowledges this problem, but it was necessary as Walsh attacked the problem before it got worse.

“We’ve tried to not make it reactionary, we tried to be thoughtful and give enough time to think ahead with things like giving a couple of days to leave residence halls and bringing back our students from Italy,” Collins said. “We were already configured in a work from home posture as a University before the state of Ohio mandated it, so we’ve just been going at our pace, trying to help us with a little bit of a calming effect as we worked with the chaos and turmoil around us. I think as we quickly saw and we’ve moved out and off-campus for the residential students that we had to make some adjustments. I think we’ve done what we could for our circumstance.”

Not only has this virus taken a huge toll on residents and out-of-state students, but it also made an impact on the international ones as well. Many were forced to go back to their home country and others still linger on campus as the school works out the best way to get them home to their loved ones.

“I think this pandemic is the great equalizer,” Collins said. “It has the exact same effect. Some are trying to get home, and some are already home. Saudi Arabia has closed the borders and about 3,000 students are international students. I think it’s been harder for our international students. I do worry today, but their future I think is the same. International students come to America because we have the best schools. We have 32 students, a couple international, we’re still taking care of them, still feeding them and doing the best we can.”

In conclusion, this entire pandemic has caused a lot of panic and confusion for every community. With the care and guidance from every faculty member, the Walsh cabinet and Vice Presidents, Collins and his wife Drenda, and students alike, Walsh seems to be in great hands with our new president. Collins has been working hard behind the scenes to make sure every student knows that although we are not together physically, we are still a community and no pandemic can stop that.

“They have bright futures ahead of them,” Collins said. “We don’t give up, this experience for our students will make them better, this has been so disruptive, this will make us better in the future. We need to keep a sense of gratitude; we still have each other which is a great thing. If we keep our focus on each other then we still have hope.”

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Mic Drop from a Graduating Senior

DANIEL LIEBLER, STAFF WRITER

A whole month of exclusively online classes? A cleared-out campus with rushed goodbyes to friends and faculty? No graduation ceremony or dramatic sendoff?

I don't know about you, but this is not how I imagined my undergraduate journey would end. Indeed, with all the confusion and uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, it's easy and understandable to feel gypped out of a celebration of our accomplishments.

But even amid these frustrations, I submit to you, graduating seniors, that the true measure of our time at Walsh University is contained in the dozens of memories, opportunities, and experiences that we wouldn't trade for anything.

If you will indulge some sentimentality, here are a few of mine:

1. Late nights studying in the library, followed by epic binge-watching of my favorite TV shows after the exam was finally finished. There's nothing quite like turning in an exam, is there? "Well, for better or worse, at least it's done. Now let's go watch 'The Office.'"

I always looked forward to class though, especially because of the caring professors at Walsh University. If you think of it, take some time to write or email a thank you note to your favorite professor. I mean, let's be real; we all know we deserved a D on that paper.

2. Complaining about the Schervish Dining Center as I went back for second helpings and looked forward to Taco Tuesday. Seriously, can we all just agree that despite all our smack talk, the food really wasn't really that bad? And the conversations with friends at our favorite table made

everything taste good. Living on my own now, I sure miss the convenience of that swipe-and-eat system. A message to the lowerclassmen: enjoy it while you can.

3. Exploring the maze of our beautiful campus. Who hasn't got lost multiple times in Betzler (or is it Aultman??), found a favorite study spot hidden in the library or enjoyed watching the sunset from the sleek modern windows of the Global Learning Center? One of my favorite parts about the campus is the diligence and care that the Brother of Christian Instruction and their successors put into designing our beautiful campus.

But my roommates will confirm that the strangest finds were often in our own dorm room. Did you know you actually have to clean the bathroom once you start adulting? Go figure.

4. Sharing the ups and downs of college with the amazing people I'm fortunate to call my friends. Whether it was grabbing a burger with my roommates or taking that pretty English major on a date (she ended up marrying me), the enduring friendships I've formed are the clear highlight of my Walsh journey. Thanks for everything guys. You kept me sane.

Even amid this rocky end to our college journey, these are just a few of the experiences and memories at Walsh that I wouldn't trade for anything.

Remember fellow seniors, what is most important is not the Walsh we "missed out on," but the Walsh we take with us.

So peace out, Cav Nation. Thanks for the wild ride.

Now the class of 2020 has things to do...

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vigil and Easter mass are not possible. However, Catholics across Ohio are creatively brainstorming alternatives to reflect upon the sacrifice of Jesus Christ while honoring the governor's order. Here is a list of ways Catholics plan to celebrate Easter at home:

Continue to observe Lenten sacrifices (i.e. giving up an indulgence such as chocolate, chips, alcohol, television, etc.). Fast on Good Friday (meaning eat one main meal and two other light meals as necessary for health), as well as abstain from eating meat.

Eat hot cross buns on Good Friday.

Reflect upon Christ's death on the cross and the need for a Savior from sin.

Decorate Easter eggs.

Build a fire in the backyard to reflect on Jesus Christ as the light of the world.

Have an egg hunt with the children.

Celebrate with indulgent food and Easter baskets on Easter Sunday.

Additionally, Pope Francis intends to hold a televised mass in the empty Vatican City on Easter Sunday. This mass will begin at 11:00 AM Rome time. Though Catholics will celebrate mass in their own homes this year, connecting with Pope Francis online is a way to celebrate with Christians all over the world.

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Checking in with Walsh Students

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On March 13, 2020, Walsh began processing whether it would close or not as the COVID-19 virus made its way through Ohio. Students waited eagerly until after six in the evening for the email stating that the university would be closed until further notice. What many thought would just be an extended spring break became something more, and no one was prepared.

"I'm sad, anxious about classes and miss my friends," Biology Pre-Professional junior Walsh student Abbey Matts said. "I haven't been allowed to leave my house since the virus, even something like going to the store would be fun. I miss my friends and there are few distractions and ways to keep myself busy while I'm trapped at home."

"I'm doing okay, it's kind of a roller coaster, very up and down," said Behavioral Health and Science junior Walsh student Katelyn Hampu. "There are sometimes when I'm good and accepting of the situation and then other times where I get very sad by the situation at hand."

For many, wishful thinking became a reality and as the week progressed, it became a time of trial and hardship. One day students were sent back to their on-campus residence, and classes were canceled and for the remaining week, they were told how they would continue their education from home. The next week they were sent home and the community became separated.

"The move off-campus has been challenging," said Hampu. "It was kind of fast and quick which made it difficult to process. Being at home is also hard for me."

Students nationwide are now trying to continue education at home, which creates issues as once readily available resources are limited or completely inaccessible. They now rely strictly on email and Zoom to communicate with other students and professors, and levels of self-motivation are down.

"I feel a lot more unmotivated as well as stressed," said Clinical Psychology and Sociology junior Walsh student Alyssa Karoleski. "I feel like I'm just doing work now to get it done, and it's not as quality as it could be. I've also noticed I have a lot more work now than I ever would have in class."

Since going back home, students are experiencing more stress and lack of motivation which is affecting their performance. Because of this, some are beginning to worry about their grades. While this may seem like a good thing to keep them motivated, some students are not able to work from home as they are now facing other distractions in their environment.

"Most of my professors have been very helpful," said Matts. "But I have still been expected to complete every assignment and have received more work and expectations than what I had to deal with compared to just being on campus. It has been hard to motivate myself to get work done without the schedule and routine, which is primarily why I avoid taking online courses as a whole."

Overall, students have been handling the situation very well. They are giving their all, even though they miss campus life, friends and faculty members. Senior students are still recovering from the blow of no graduation ceremony. A senior student who asked to remain anonymous said this is one of the most difficult situations she has encountered.

"I was looking forward to graduating, I just picked up my cap and gown on the ninth and was planning how I was going to decorate it," said the student. "When we got the email (regarding the canceled graduation ceremony), it hurt so bad that I cried for hours. I've gone to Walsh for four years and worked really hard to get to where I am. While I understand that not having graduation is for health, I still was hurt to know that my family wouldn't see me walk across the stage. I wish there were other ways we could celebrate our achievements, but I also understand that I still worked hard and should be proud of that."

Students are keeping themselves motivated as much as they can for different reasons. Some because they have come too far to give up, some just to make it to next semester, and some because they have no choice. Either way, Walsh is approaching the end of the school year and students are attempting to look to a brighter future during this unfavorable time.

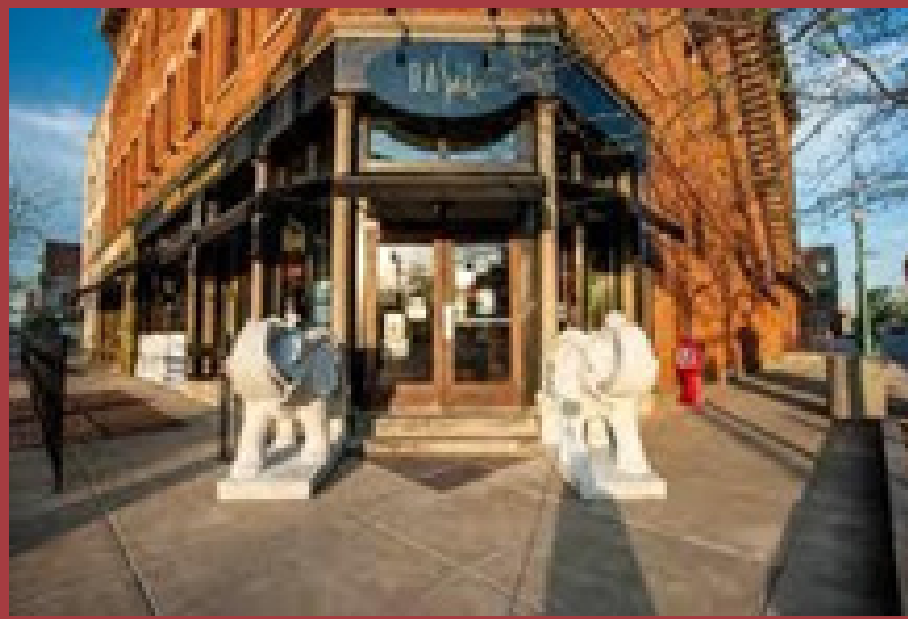
"I'm doing okay, but I am very bored," said senior Communications Graphic Design senior student Alexandria Giacomini. "I hate being stuck in the house. I'm looking forward to actually being able to go places and work. My degree has been motivating me to keep going."

To each Walsh student, know that this time will pass and although the situation seems like it will never get better, it will. The community at Walsh will always be tethered, regardless of being together or not. Know that there are resources you have access to off-campus and that faculty members are ready to support you during this time. If you need assistance, please reach out to your support team either on or off-campus as your safety is a priority.

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Downtown Canton has Great Takeout

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Basil Asian Bistro in downtown Canton is open for business during quarantine and has tons of options for great takeout.

On March 15, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine called for the closure of all bars and restaurants to help discourage public gatherings exceeding 10 people. This was done to protect the public from the rapid spreading COVID-19 virus. By 9 PM, the restaurants were closed, leaving citizens without access to their favorite restaurants. Some of the restaurants compensated by offering carry-out meals and delivery services so the communities had food access and the employees could keep their jobs.

To begin, let's talk about a small restaurant located at 585 Market Ave. North right next to the Palace Theatre. This place is called Basil Asian Bistro, and it remains open by offering carry-out services during the pandemic. The restaurant features amazing Asian dishes such as sushi, pad Thai, and soups. I highly recommend Basil to satisfy your Asian cuisine cravings, as they meet a standard of high-quality meals without putting a strain on the pocketbook. Basil is open from 11 AM – 8 PM on Monday-Thursday and 11 AM – 9 PM Friday and Saturday. To place an order for carry out, you can call the restaurant at (330) 452-3888. Sometimes coffee at home just doesn't taste as good as your local café. Sure, businesses like Starbucks or Dunkin Donuts can help fight the cravings, but at stores like Muggswigz, you can get better quality options without the high price tag. Muggswigz is a small café located in downtown Canton at 137 Walnut Ave. Northeast. The store

also offers a variety of tea for those who dislike coffee. Muggswigz is open during regular hours for carry-out and delivery. Not only are they remaining open during the pandemic, but they are also taking preventative measures to sanitize bills to protect their customers and employees. The café will be open from 7 AM to 6 PM Monday- Friday and 8 AM to 6 PM on Saturday and Sunday.

Napoli's Italian Eatery is one of the well-known pizza shops located in downtown that most Cantonians may recognize. This restaurant is known for its old-fashioned authentic Italian style dishes. Napoli's is beloved for their calzones and large pizzas that will fill you up in just a couple slices. I highly recommend their Chicago Stuffed pizza that's filled with sausage, pepperoni, and extra cheese with a double crust.

If you're really hungry or simply just looking for a meal that will last you quite a while, Napoli's is the place to go. The staff is always exceptionally friendly and welcoming, so you always feel at home as soon as you walk onto the patio. Napoli's is still up and running for carry-out meals and delivery. Stop by the restaurant located at 221 Market Ave. North from 11 AM to 11 PM Monday-Thursday, 11 AM to 12 AM on Friday or 11 AM to 11 PM on Saturday. You can place your orders over the phone at (330) 452-7456, or stop in and order in store.

While the nation is facing uncertain times due to the COVID-19 virus, local restaurants are still hard at work to make sure everyone has access to their food and to keep business running as much as possible. Supporting local restaurants is always a win-win situation, as you're getting quality meals and keeping small businesses open for the community. For more information about stores that are still open and offering carry-out and delivery services, head over to <https://www.downtowncanton.com/downtown-canton-carryout/> that lists all the businesses, their status, hours of operation and services being offered.

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The Quarantined College Student's Guide to Streaming

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Has social isolation got you down? Bored with online learning and looking for some quality entertainment? Never fear! Here's a comprehensive list of the best movies and television shows headlining an affordable streaming service near you.

"Onward" (2020, Disney Plus)

While it might not hold up to Pixar's classics, "Onward" is a subversive and clever animated movie about two elf brothers who embark on a harrowing quest to spend one last day with their deceased father. Living in a mythical world that has sacrificed magic for technology (parallel much?), the protagonists must battle stone dragons, raccoon-like unicorns, and inner demons in order to succeed in their literal life or death adventure. A clever blend of laughable and emotional moments, the colorful landscapes and likable voice cast of "Onward" provide a welcome break from online learning. This family-friendly flick can be enjoyed on Disney Plus for only \$6.99 a month, after an annoyingly brief one-week free trial. Amid the uncertainties of this challenging pandemic, Pixar's "Onward" reminds us that, yes, "there is still a little magic left."

"The Boys" (2019, Amazon Prime)

This gritty show is perfect for superhero fans searching for their next fix. "The Boys" is a twisted, shadowy glimpse into a world where the heroes we idolize aren't so super after all. When ordinary guy Hughie undergoes an unspeakable loss at the hands of one of the "good guys," his journey of revenge and justice entangles him in a world of vigilantes who are working to protect the most vulnerable from the protectors themselves. While certainly entertaining, watch with caution because this R-rated series has no problem showing just how crude and graphic false gods can become when left unchecked. With that being

said, the ultimate message of this series is perhaps more relevant today than ever before; sometimes the heroes aren't the "gifted" sitting in the skyscrapers--they're the "ordinary" people out fighting in the trenches. View on Prime Student for only \$6.49 per month.

"Better Call Saul" (2019, Netflix)

A well-written, humorous prequel to the critically acclaimed "Breaking Bad" series, "Better Call Saul" follows the moral demise of its title character from an "upstanding" criminal defense lawyer to an informant for powerful cartel leaders. With exciting plot twists and crowd-pleasing nods to the original series, Netflix's four seasons remind us that no matter how crazy this semester has been, at least we're not poor, pitiable Saul Goodman. United with 2019s crossover film "El Camino," the entire "Breaking Bad" the universe is streaming on Netflix starting at \$8.99 per month, with the service's one-month free trial remaining a quarantined college student's best friend.

"A Quiet Place" (2018, Hulu)

Disappointed that director and star John Krasinski's sequel was delayed until the fall? No problem! Enjoy all the thrills and chills of the original not-quite-a-horror-movie classic on Hulu for a college budget-friendly \$5.99 per month. Set on an earth recently invaded by vicious sound-hunting monsters, this movie follows the survival of a once loving family now hampered by tragedy. With dangerous creatures around every corner and a new baby on the way, a devoted husband and wife must figure out how to navigate their new, surreal reality. With jump scares and resonating moments to spare, A Quiet Place is a good reminder that as we face our own COVID-19 apocalypse, there is nothing more important than family and friends.

NCAA Refunds Eligibility To Spring Athletes

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Imagine working on building a culture all year to leave with the underclassmen only to never be able to showcase it. The long weekends of fundraising for travel and early morning practices that now were seemingly pointless. Imagine not knowing the few games that these seniors were able to play this season would be the last time they were able to represent their school and legacy.

On Tuesday, March 10, Walsh University suspended face-to-face class meetings through Friday, March 27th. The University's decision, along with the majority of other college campuses across the state, was influenced by Ohio Governor Mike Dewine. His recommendations were urgent to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Shortly after President Collins announcement, NCAA officials broke the devastating news to athletes across the nation, hearing that their seasons have come to an abrupt end. The NCAA suspended scheduled tournament play for winter sports along with the indefinite suspension of the 2020 spring sport seasons.

Unfortunately for men and women's winter sports, it was too far into the season for any type of compensation. The regular seasons were able to be majority completed before action by authorities halted post-season tournament play. Athletes who participate in a spring sport around the country learned shortly after the complete shutdown of campuses that their seasons had come to an end as they have just begun. After dedicating themselves to offseason workouts, fundraisers, and meetings, teams were forced to shut down the season entirely. While underclassmen will return next spring, the seniors had no choice but to accept the global pandemic precautions.

Finally, the NCAA granted an extra year of eligibility to all athletes regardless of class. The exciting news is that the refunded season stretches across all divisions, as no division is higher than the other when it comes to dedication and passion for the sport. The extra year of play is unique in terms of the flexibility schools have. Teams will be able to expand roster size and financial aid scholarships under guidelines completely up to their own specific schools.

After hearing the news of the NCAA granting a year of eligibility for spring athletes of all classes across all divisions, I wondered how seniors would be able to come back. Most would be graduating in May to pursue their desired careers. Some athletes might not be in the position to return a year from now, being removed from campus and advancing careers. I turned to two of our very own senior Cavaliers to try and understand how one might go about the

approved eligibility along with their journey's up to this point.

Walsh's own Kevin McMahon is a senior attackman for the lacrosse team. He is from Buffalo, New York, and he picked up a lacrosse stick around seventh grade. He went on to play for Bishop Timon- St. Jude High School. He learned of Walsh through a fall-ball tournament held in Syracuse, New York when Coach Skvarch reached out to him regarding his stellar performance.

Now, he reflects on the time he has spent in Canton, Ohio by soaking up all the memories. When the news broke that he could have potentially played his last collegiate lacrosse game, he and his team couldn't believe the news.

"We were shocked," Kevin expressed. "Being told our most recent game could have been our last, out of nowhere."

The Cavs managed to suit up for only four games, going 1-3 in that stretch. After reaching the postseason a year ago, the team hoped to ride that momentum from one of its most successful seasons in recent years. Unfortunately, the prevention precautions around the nation forced teams to enter the offseason prematurely.

Kevin is set to graduate next fall with a major in accounting. I was curious how he planned on using his extra year of eligibility.

"I plan to return to use my eligibility because I got injured and couldn't play the past two games and that I truly didn't get to fulfill the expectations I had for our team," Kevin explained.

His extra year of eligibility will require him to space out his classes over the course of the year in order for the waiver to follow through.

Barring his return next year and the recent approved waivers, there was a brief time when there was no guarantee of an extra year. I wanted to know what he would remember most from his team.

"I'll remember the relationships I had with my teammates. They are one of the best groups of guys I've ever played with," Kevin stated.

The softball team was able to play much more prior to the shutdown due to double headers and the dates of games being close together. Still, players weren't able to leave their everything on the field knowingly. Senior center fielder Yasmine Rivera expressed to me how her team took the news.

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“I was devastated. My team and I were at a loss for words because we changed the whole program around from last year.”

Through fifteen games, the team certainly showed signs of a successful run, going 10-5 in that stretch.

Similar to Kevin, Yasmine’s hometown is a long way from campus. Her hometown is a whopping two thousand miles away out west in Chandler, Arizona. She fell in love with the game at the age of seven and has been playing ever since. She attended Basha High School where one of her outstanding plays was featured on ESPN, and I jokingly wondered if that was how Walsh found her. Through a tournament in Las Vegas, a former assistant coach saw potential and invited her to a summer camp. She immediately fell in love with the small campus and the team. After a second visit, she was offered a scholarship.

Being so far away from campus, I assumed there may be some complications returning next spring and being with the team to prepare in the offseason. She explained to me the difficulty of figuring her next steps out.

“After talking with my family, I may try to use my eligibility next year depending on my grad program schedule.”

Yasmine revealed that it is hard to tell where she stands right now. She hopes to receive more information in the coming summer months.

“I hope to return,” she stated. “But if I don’t, I know I’ll always be welcomed back to the Walsh softball community.”

Yasmine will have to make a tough decision based on her future career plans and flexibility of time. I could tell the cancellation of the season interrupted an undeniable bond between the ladies.

“We connected so well together,” she reminisced. “Bonfires, 6 AM practices, karaoke night, the girls will just always have a special place in my heart. The coach and player bond is the definition of family.”

Hopefully, these two wonderful student-athletes will be able to fulfil their granted year of extra play. Regardless, they have cemented their impacts into the Walsh memoir for life. Teammates, coaches, and everyone in between should let these and the rest of the seniors nationwide know that their efforts and dedication did not go unnoticed and will not be forgotten. While the loss of a season for these athletes is extremely unfortunate, our nation’s action to prevent the spread of the covid-19 virus was necessary for the return of normalcy in the future. The safety of loved ones should and always will come first.



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Seniors Yasmine Rivera and Kevin McMahon are deciding how they will use their extra year of eligibility and if they'll return to Walsh next spring.