

In this time of great distance and change, both physical and emotional, the experience of loss in one form or another seems woven into each of our unique experiences.

However, those who have endured times of great hardship before us often seem to recall the bright moments that made life worth living despite it all.

One thing we, as college students, have lost is the proximity of our fellow New Schoolers. It seems fair to say that The New School in particular offers its students refuge, a community of wildly unique yet similarly “weird” individuals. We at The New School Free Press were inspired by the online communities built by the likes of Humans of New York, Tiny Love Stories and CoronaVirus Confessions. Perhaps we can dig even deeper into how our unique experiences inform who we are, what we value and why we all ended up at The New School by exploring what has defined our COVID experiences.

So, The New School Free Press asked the student body:

**What has brought you the most joy OR been your biggest challenge during the pandemic?**

And they responded...