

2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

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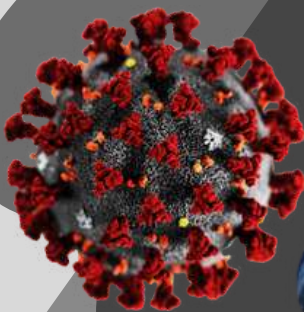
There is no doubt that COVID-19 takes home Gold this year, greatly outcompeting every other thing that has happened since January. Let's take a trip down memory lane, to all the other notable things that will soon be written into our history books. Aa myriad of emotions comes from the year 2020 - happiness, sadness, frustration, betrayal, confusion, anxiety, fear, exhaustion, the list goes on.

So, here is an attempt at capturing the entirety of the year 2020 in just a few pages. It won't be perfect. But we hope you can find closure. Find strength. Find resilience. Find hope.



JANUARY

- **3rd** - US drone strike kills top Iranian security and intelligence commander, Major General Qasem Soleimani, sparking talks of a possibly imminent WWII
- **8th** - Duke and Duchess of Sussex, Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, announce they are stepping back as "senior" royals, will work towards becoming financially independent
- **16th** - Impeachment trial of President Donald Trump begins in the Senate
- **26th** - LA Lakers basketball legend Kobe Bryant dies in a helicopter crash, as well as his daughter, Gianna Bryant, and 7 other passengers
- **30th** - WHO declares COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern
- **31st** - United Kingdom formally withdraws from the European Union (Brexit)



FEBRUARY

- **4th** - First Democratic caucus in Iowa won narrowly by Pete Buttigieg and Bernie Sanders, after controversial delays in reporting the results
- **5th** - US Senate votes to acquit President Trump 52-48
- **6th** - US Astronaut Christina Koch completes the longest continuous spaceflight by a female astronaut after 328 days on the International Space Station
- **6th** - 1st COVID-19 related death in the US
- **9th** - At the 92nd Academy Awards, *Parasite* is the 1st non-English film to win Best Picture, Best Director Bong Joon-Ho
- **24th** - Former Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein found guilty of rape and a criminal sexual act in landmark case that ignited the #MeToo Movement
- **25th** - Ahmaud Arbery shot to death after being chased by two white men
- **27th** - Dow Jones Index suffers its biggest points fall in history closing down 1,190.95 in NYC amid COVID-19 concerns



MARCH

- **1st** - First known Coronavirus case identified in New York
- **10th** - Duke DPT goes virtual
- **11th** - COVID-19 declared a pandemic by WHO with 121,564 cases worldwide, 4,373 deaths
- **11th** - Harvey Weintsein sentenced to 23 years in prison
- **12th** - President Trump bans travel with 26 European countries due to COVID-19
- **13th** - President Trump declares a national emergency, freeing up \$50 billion to fight the coronavirus
- **13th** - Breonna Taylor shot and killed by police officers in her own home
- **24th** - Japan's Prime Minister Shinzō Abe announces postponement of Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games until summer of 2021 because of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic
- **26th** - American cases of COVID-19 exceed all other countries
- **26th** - 3.3 million apply for unemployment
- **27th** - \$2.2 trillion stimulus package, largest in US history, signed into law by President Trump

APRIL

- **2nd** - Coronavirus cases worldwide surpass 1 million; 51,485 deaths reported
- **19th** - Together At Home concert for COVID-19 aid curated by Lady Gaga and streamed worldwide
- **20th** - Price of US oil turns negative for the first time in history
- **28th** - US confirmed cases of Coronavirus surpasses 1 million; death toll rises above 58,365, more than the number of US soldiers killed in the Vietnam War
- **28th** - US Department of Defense releases three declassified videos of UFOs from 2004-2015



MAY

- **1st** - Armed protestors against the stay-at-home orders gather at the State Capitol in Lansing, MI as Governor Whitmer reinstates State of Emergency
- **7th** - Father and son arrested for the murder of Ahmaud Arbery in Brunswick, GA after video footage surfaces
- **25th** - Video of George Floyd's arrest and murder while restrained in Minneapolis police custody shows he was pinned to the ground while police officer, Derek Chauvin, knelt on his neck for 8 minutes and 46 seconds; ignites widespread condemnation and nationwide protests for Black Lives Matter
- **27th** - US COVID-19 death toll surpasses 100,000; equal to the number of US servicemen and women killed in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan put together
- **30th** - SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket launches carrying the Dragon capsule from Cape Canaveral to the International Space Station - first private company to launch astronauts into space

JUNE

- **3rd** - Three former police officers charged in connection with the death of George Floyd; Derek Chauvin's charge upped to second degree murder
- **4th** - Memorial for George Floyd led by Reverend Al Sharpton as 10th night of protests held around the country
- **8th** - Former astronaut Kathy Sullivan is the first woman to reach the deepest point of the ocean, Challenger Deep in the Marianas Trench
- **10th** - Duke Day of Pause; Duke Health Walk for Solidarity
- **12th** - Rayshard Brooks shot dead in drive-through carpark in Atlanta, GA, leading to further protests at police violence and the resignation of the city's police chief
- **15th** - DPT Call to Action - Duke DPT students call for changes in transparency, representation, scholarship, and outreach regarding division DEI initiatives
- **15th** - Landmark US Supreme Court decision rules 6-3 in favor of gay and transgender workers, criminalizing discrimination in the workplace
- **17th** - Former police officer who shot Rayshard Brooks charged with murder and aggravated assault
- **18th** - US Supreme Court rules the Obama-era Dreamers Program (DACA), which enables undocumented migrant children the ability to study and work, can stay in the US
- **20th** - President Trump controversially holds his first re-election rally in Tulsa, OK; only 6,200 people attend despite the campaign stating 1 million had registered
- **28th** - 50th anniversary of 1st Gay Pride march in NYC marked around the world
- **29th** - US Supreme Court rules 5-4 that abortion restrictions in Louisiana are unconstitutional, striking down a 2014 law



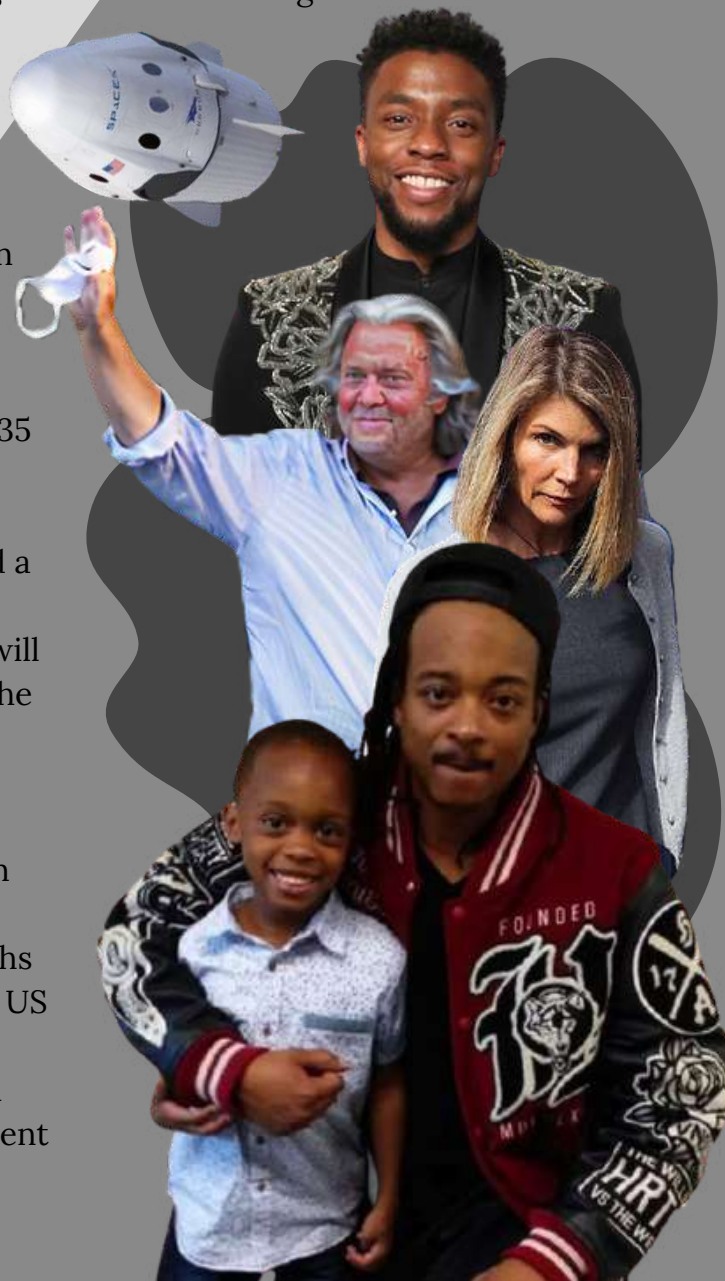
JULY



- **1st** - Dr. Todd Cade begins as Duke DPT Program Director and Chief
- **6th** - Duke DPT returns to campus
- **6th** - US officially begins withdrawing from the WHO
- **8th** - US government issues directive that more than 1 million international students will be stripped of their visas if their courses are entirely online
- **14th** - US rescinds plan to strip visas from international students after a litany of lawsuits were filed by numerous US universities
- **17th** - John Lewis, American politician (Rep-D-Georgia) and prominent civil rights leader (Big Six), stops causing "good trouble" due to pancreatic cancer at the age of 80
- **30th** - More than 60,000 gather for the biggest opposition rally in a decade in Belarus to protest against President Alexander Lukashenko's rigged 5th re-election against Svetlana Tsikhanouskaya

AUGUST

- **2nd** - SpaceX Dragon capsule carrying NASA astronauts Doug Hurley and Bob Behnken splashes down in the Gulf of Mexico
- **4th** - Huge explosions at the port of Beirut, Lebanon kill more than 200 and leave over 6,000 thousand people injured
- **17th** - UNC-Chapel Hill is the 1st US college to send students home and convert to online classes after 135 COVID-19 cases detected
- **18th** - California Governor Gavin Newsom declares State of Emergency as 27 fires across the state amid a continuing heat wave
- **19th** - US Postmaster General Louis DeJoy says he will suspend controversial plan to cut costs until after the election
- **20th** - Former adviser to President Trump, Steve Bannon, arrested and charged with fraud over a fundraising campaign to build a wall on the Mexican border
- **21st** - Actress Lori Loughlin sentenced to two months in prison along with her husband for her role in the US college admissions bribery scandal
- **23rd** - Jacob Blake was shot and injured by police in front of his children in Kenosha, WI, prompting violent protests
- **28th** - Chadwick Boseman, American actor (*Black Panther*), dies of colon cancer at 42



SEPTEMBER

- **11th** - Duke DPT Diversity Club hosts their Black Lives Matter Panel
- **15th** - The family of Breonna Taylor announce \$12 million wrongful death settlement with the city of Louisville, KY after her death in botched police raid on March 13th
- **18th** - Ruth Bader Ginsburg, American jurist and Associate Justice of the Supreme Court (1993-2020), dies of pancreatic cancer at the age of 87
- **18th** - Duke DPT Diversity Club hosts their first Cultural Cuisine event at El Corral in Durham, NC
- **22nd** - US COVID-19 death toll surpasses 200,000, more than any other country
- **23rd** - Kentucky grand jury indicts only one of three officers for wanton engagement for shooting unarmed Breonna Taylor
- **24th** - President Trump nominates Judge Amy Coney Barrett for the Supreme Court to replace the seat of Ruth Bader Ginsburg at the White House Rose Garden; at least 12 people - including President Trump - tested positive for COVID-19 after attending
- **27th** - Details of President Trump's tax returns are released by the NY Times showing he paid \$750 in income tax in 2016-2017
- **27th** - The Nagorno-Karabakh War between Armenia and Azerbaijan began when Azerbaijani armed forces launched artillery and aerial strikes against civilian settlements in the Republic of Artsakh
- **28th** - COVID-19 recorded global death toll passes 1 million and over 33 million known cases
- **29th** - First debate between US Presidential candidates Donald Trump and Joe Biden takes place, widely criticized as chaotic and ill-tempered
- **30th** - California becomes the 1st US state to pass a law allowing for reparations for black residents and descendants of slaves





OCTOBER

- **2nd** - President Trump announces via Twitter that he and First Lady Melania Trump have tested positive for COVID-19; President Trump hospitalized later that day citing precautionary measures
- **5th** - President Trump leaves Walter Reed National Military Medical Center while still infected with COVID-19 and returns to the White House
- **8th** - The FBI charges 13 men with plotting to kidnap Michigan Governor Whitmer and storm the Michigan Capitol
- **11th** - Duke DPT Diversity Club hosts their *Crimp Camp* Watch Party and discussion
- **12th** - Duke DPT Diversity Club hosts their *Crimp Camp* Discussion
- **23rd** - Duke DPT Diversity Club hosts their second Cultural Cuisine event at MediTerra Grill in Durham, NC
- **23rd** - Eleven months after Asian giant hornets, or "murder hornets," were first discovered in the US, entomologists tracked down and destroyed the first nest of this invasive, venomous species
- **25th** - British Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton, the first Black Formula 1 driver, wins Portuguese Grand Prix at Autódromo Internacional Do Algarve for his 92nd career victory making him the leader of the all-time F1 victories list
- **26th** - Police officers in Philadelphia shot and killed Walter Wallace, Jr., prompting protests and the city to impose a curfew
- **27th** - US Senate confirms Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court, sealing a conservative majority 6-3
- **27th** - A record 69.5 million Americans have already voted, a week before election day; 50.4% of the 2016 total vote

NOVEMBER

- **3rd** - Election Day
- **4th** - Racial Justice Student Alliance hosts their Responding to Microaggressions in Healthcare Interprofessional Panel
- **7th** - Former Vice President Joseph Biden declared the winner of the US Presidential race, four days after the US election, defeating sitting President Trump
- **7th** - Kamala Harris makes history in the US as the first woman and first woman of color to be elected to the vice presidency
- **7th** - Global recorded cases of COVID-19 pass 50 million, with the known death toll at 1,245,240
- **8th** - Alex Trebek, Canadian-American TV game host (*High Rollers*, *Jeopardy*), dies of cancer at 80 years old
- **9th** - Duke DPT Diversity Club hosts their DiversiTea & Coffee Talk
- **9th** - US recorded COVID-19 cases pass 10 million, with 1 million new cases recorded in 10 days; death toll over 237,000
- **9th** - US Attorney General William Barr controversially approves federal investigations into voter fraud for the US elections
- **13th** - Duke DPT initiates search for division Director of DEI
- **17th** - Duke DPT Diversity Club hosts their Microaggressions Follow-up Panel with Duke DPT 3rd year students as panelists
- **24th** - US General Services Administration officially begins Joe Biden's transition, declaring him the "apparent winner" although Donald Trump vows to continue challenging the result





DECEMBER

- **1st** - Actor Elliot Page, formerly known as Ellen Page, reveals he is transgender
- **2nd** - US Attorney General William Barr says there is no evidence of widespread voter fraud in the 2020 presidential election, despite claims by President Donald Trump
- **2nd** - US records its largest daily death toll for COVID-19 at 2,885 and for the first time patient numbers in hospital exceed 100,000
- **11th** - FDA authorizes the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use
- **11th** - US Supreme Court rejects lawsuit by Texas to overturn Joe Biden's election in four battleground states, endorsed by 17 Republican attorney generals
- **14th** - US begins its first COVID-19 vaccinations using the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine
- **14th** - US Electoral College votes 306-232 to officially affirm Joe Biden's presidential election victory
- **14th** - US Attorney General William Barr resigns
- **15th** - UK newspaper *The Sun* publishes recording of Tom Cruise berating his film crew for breaking COVID-19 protocols
- **18th** - Moderna COVID-19 vaccine granted emergency authorization by FDA
- **21st** - US begins vaccinating for COVID-19 using the Moderna vaccine
- **21st** - The "Great Conjunction," when Jupiter and Saturn cross paths - nearly 400 years since the planets passed this close to each other in the sky and nearly 800 years since the alignment of Saturn and Jupiter occurred at night
- **25th** - Intentional bomb blows up early on Christmas morning in the heart of Nashville, TN
- **29th** - First case in the US of the coronavirus variant identified in Denver, CO
- **30th** - Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine is approved for use, the first to not require extreme temperatures for storage, opening up vaccine opportunities to much of the world



HERE'S TO 2021

We asked you to tell us in one word how you feel going into 2021. Here's what you said:

PENSIVE
THANKFUL
MOTIVATED
ANXIOUS
PREPARED
RELIEVED
NERVOUS
OPTIMISTIC
HOPEFUL
HESITANT
CHANGED
REjuvenated
BURNED OUT
EXHAUSTED
INDIFFERENT
EXCITED
EAGER
HUMBLED

Cheers to growth, resilience, and conquering uncharted territory.
Together. The best is yet to come!