

# Endnotes

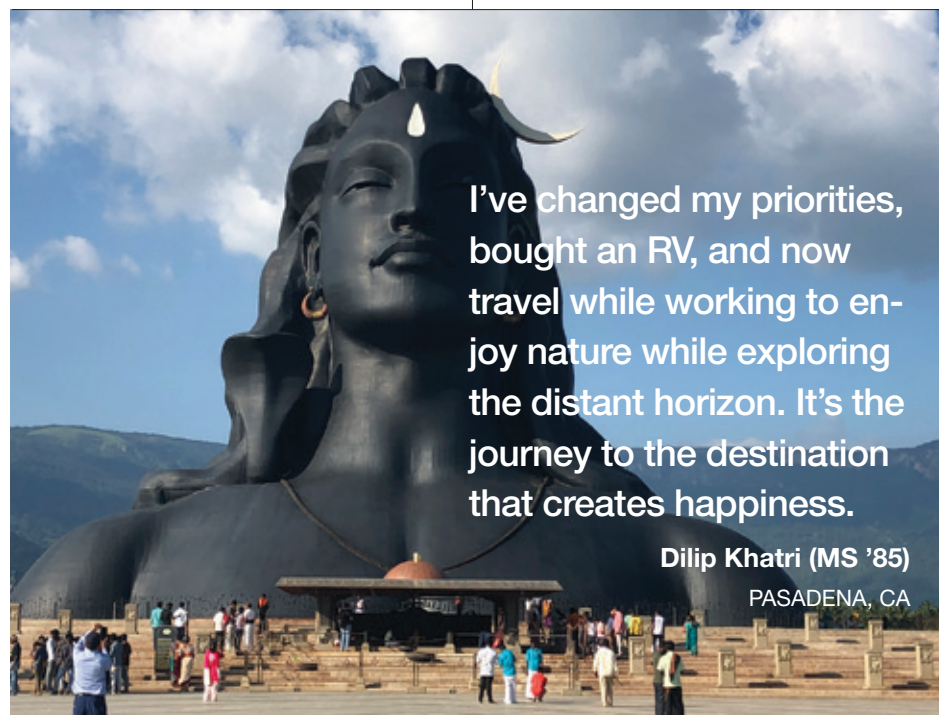
We have been living with the impact and challenges of the coronavirus pandemic for a year now. How have you changed and what have you learned?

I have learned that I am OK with not interacting in person with anyone outside my family, and my wife and I really are hermits.

**Martin Goldberg (BS '78)**  
MATAWAN, NJ

No planes  
+ no trains  
+ many fewer trips by automobile = lots more time for work and leisure.

**Philip Neches (BS '72, MS '77, PhD '83)**  
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I've changed my priorities, bought an RV, and now travel while working to enjoy nature while exploring the distant horizon. It's the journey to the destination that creates happiness.

**Dilip Khatri (MS '85)**  
PASADENA, CA



Professors have become the DJs!

**Roger NG (BS '85)**  
HONG KONG SAR, CHINA

Being an introvert has its advantages. My mind has kept me company. The extra time is precious, and making time is (hopefully) now a habit. Time for my family, time to get back to favorite activities, and time to just breathe.

**Karen Kiselewski (BS '82)**  
DELRAY BEACH, FL

More self-reliant for entertainment & intellectual stimulation. Closer communication with my wife. Better connected to more culture and intellectual events via Zoom than previous in-person interactions, although maybe not as much fun!

**Jeffery Richardson (BS '70)**  
LIVERMORE, CA



I've learned that even a life with unscheduled weekends leaves you with too little time to get things done prior to the Monday work week restart!

**Tara Gomez-Hampton (PhD '11)**  
PASADENA, CA

Probably 50 years ago I read *The Plague* by Albert Camus. It has remained with me as being prescient and honest. Dr. Fauci seems like the reincarnation of Dr. Rieux in Camus's great novel.

**David Rennels (MS '65)**  
LA CAÑADA-FLINTRIDGE, CA



As an advocate for social change and a city councilperson, I have learned that Zoom can save us a massive amount of "vehicle miles traveled"! I have also learned that I am not so much a person who can just live in my own head as I thought; I was fine for three to four months, but over the last six months have felt increasingly starved of contact with my extended human "posse"!

**Dennis Pocekay (BS '70)**  
PETALUMA, CA

I've learned to love all kinds of webinars. I've been learning about the 1918 pandemic, virus proof-reading, and face masks. Too many DIY projects.

**Douglas Ikemi (MS '80)**  
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