

“During the summer, I think **many** of us took the spare **time** and **opportunity** to learn more about the **BLM** movement and what we should be doing to **support** it.”

—CHARLOTTE DINGLI (10)

may



Photo by Zeusandhera

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, many businesses and restaurants were negatively impacted because of social distancing and quarantine. During mid-March, restaurants were ordered to close and restaurant revenue decreased almost 40% according to the Eater. In May, many restaurants announced that they were permanently closing down, including Sweet Tomatoes, The Grove, Station House Cafe and many more.

june 4



Photo by Chad Davis



Photo by Sharmilla Bhatt

After the death of George Floyd at the hands of police, a memorial was held in his honor on June 4, and many people from all over the world traveled to pay tribute. Following Floyd's death, activists brainstormed ideas to memorialize his death, which inspired global Black Lives Matter protests. Some ideas were to keep the garden that was planted in the area in memory of Floyd permanent and others included preserving the street art.

june 27



Photo by Eric Li



Photo by The National Guard

Shelter in place started in Santa Clara County on March 16 in order to control the spread of COVID-19. The county exceeded 4,000 cases of tested COVID-19 positive people on June 27, 2020, and the country exceeded 43,000 cases. The number of COVID-19 cases increased to all throughout the summer. There was more than 26,000 tests completed in Santa Clara County alone.

august 4



Photo by Peta

On Aug. 4, there were a pair of explosions in the city of Beirut. The second explosion was of a greater size than the first, and together they killed more than 154 people and wounded several thousand. The explosions happened at the port of Beirut, which imports goods such as medicine. They have also destroyed more than 85% of Lebanon's source of grain. The effects of the explosion not only applied to the city in general, but also included the drastic increase in the number of people testing positive for COVID-19.

Pride month is a time when the members of the LGBTQ+ community and allies celebrate. It takes place in June because this is when the Stonebridge Riots took place in the year of 1969. These riots first started when the New York City police infiltrated a gay club in Greenwich Village on June 28, 1969. This raid resulted in six days of protest and violence between the police force and the civilians. The LGBTQ+ community celebrates through parades, public speaking events and festivals. Although the celebration this year was slightly different due to the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the LGBTQ+ community used social media to spread awareness and messages of hope.



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june



Photo by Sharmilla Bhatt

A petition was created to urge authorities to reopen the investigation into the death of Elijah McClain on Aug. 30, 2019. This petition received over 1 million signatures by June 11. Elijah McClain was unarmed and on his way home from a convenience store with iced tea when he was stopped by two police officers from the Aurora Police Department. One officer put McClain in a carotid hold and forced him to the ground, which resulted in his death.

june 11



Seven Asian alumni from the FUHSD district believed that the district has not been properly addressing the issues regarding racism and in particular the anti-Black sentiments in recent years. They created a Dear Cupertino movement to spread awareness on social media to invoke change from the FUHSD administration and educate students about these issues. They orchestrated a Town hall meeting via Zoom on July 6 where people affiliated with the FUHSD district listened and shared experiences with racism as well as calls to action to become an anti-racism institution.

july 6



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august 16

On Aug. 16 in the Bay Area, the weather took an unexpected turn with a mix of thunder, lightning, wind and rain. People were awoken between 3 and 5 a.m. by consistent flashing lightning and booming thunder. Because of the dry weather, vegetation and surface air temperatures, the Bay Area was susceptible to wildfires, which reached as close as the Santa Cruz mountains. The lightning was the cause of around 650 wildfires that burned throughout Northern California.

—Elizabeth Lee