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From left, Anna Frischmon, Anna Tossa, Aden Bickler and Karin Seaver talk about their last months of high school while practicing social distancing at an Eden Prairie park.

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Senior Year, INTERRUPTED

3 EPHS students contemplate their last months of high school

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Aden Bickler's March started rough and has only gone downhill. The senior at Eden Prairie High School began the month with stressful auditions for several theater schools and a difficult breakup with his boyfriend, and now the rest of his senior year may be online due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

Still, he's keeping it in perspective. "I fully acknowledge how lucky I am to be healthy right now, and I am not trying to come off as a whiny teenager who didn't get his way," Bickler wrote in an email to Eden Prairie News. "My heart goes out to the friends and families of those who have passed away from the disease as well as those who are currently infected." Daily life has been disrupted around the world as health officials urge social distancing and self-quarantine to curb the spread of

the coronavirus. Bickler, 18; Sydney Lewis, 17; and Anna Frischmon, 17, were charging toward their final months in the halls of Eden Prairie High School when Gov. Tim Walz ordered all schools to temporarily close by March 18 so staff could begin planning for distance learning. It's derailed spring theater productions, sports, prom and even (potentially) graduation.

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