

Hi, Class of 2024!

Welcome to the best place on earth! Obviously, this is a difficult time to come to UVA, but my year also had a difficult time (white supremacist rallies), so I hope you trust me when I say it will not define your years here. There are so many fun events that are still going to happen, and you will make amazing memories regardless.

Here is some advice that I wish I knew my first year:

Go to class (even if its optional).

Don't go to the dining halls during weird hours.

Go to office hours even if you don't have questions—if you don't feel comfortable just talking, then make time to go back through your notes and ask for clarification on something even if you are a pro at it because you will need rec letters.

Be spontaneous.

It is okay if you don't meet your BFFs for a while; you have years!

College is HARD. UVA is even HARDER. Study hard because ultimately that is why you are here.

Take advantage of all the free food—it may lead to a super cool CIO or event you never would have gone to before.

When its sunny and 75, get some fresh air and walk to class or study on the Lawn.

Don't graduate without streaking the lawn.

Join clubs but don't overextend yourself. Quality over quantity!

Don't be afraid to inquire about tutors—they are so helpful!

HAVE FUN!

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Best,
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Class of 2021