

Hello, Class of 2024!

Welcome to UVA! I hope you've settled into a routine of sorts in these past few weeks. This is certainly an unconventional year, but hey, at least we're living in an unprecedented historical event. Whether you're on grounds or at home, I'm glad you've decided to join us in our 16000-some membered family. Here's hoping things look up soon and we'll be able to wish you a truly warm welcome when spring turns around the corner!

One of my high school teachers said that you'll meet more people in college than you ever will in life. I remember signing up for tons of random clubs my first year, and it's helped me meet lots of people. Even if the little virtual rectangles on zoom are a bit underwhelming, it'll still be nice to meet people online and meet up later. Personally, I really enjoyed my volunteering experiences at Madison House. It was an opportunity to interact with the Charlottesville community outside of UVA that I didn't normally see much of. Since I had volunteer shifts at the end of the day, I really got to know people in ways that might be more difficult during peak work hours. There are so many opportunities to enjoy yourself in these four coming years. I'm confident that you'll find a way to make a story of your own.

So how are you feeling about opening up this new chapter of your life? I hope you'll find UVA as your home away from home. I'm sure I speak for the whole of our school when I say that we welcome you open arms. You'll make memories here that'll last for the rest of your life.

And besides, I know a little pandemic isn't going to stop you!

(safety included of course)

Sincerely and truly and all else,

A fourth-year who can't believe how fast time flies

Class of 2021

*We're so glad to have you!*