

Hello, Class of 2024!

Welcome to UVA! Although this year is not going to be the stereotypical first year of college, I have no doubt it will be an enjoyable and memorable one. You will make a ton of new friends, learn more about yourself than you ever have, and find comfort in your new home here at UVA. The UVA community welcomes you and is looking forward to all the great contributions you'll make to the University with your presence!

Something that I love about UVA is that there are so many different opportunities to get involved and meet new people. One of the opportunities that I have been most grateful for was joining Alpha Kappa Psi, the professional business fraternity. Not only did the people and organization prepare me professionally, but I also have built my closest friendships through my involvement. When it comes to getting involved on grounds, my biggest piece of advice would be to look for organizations that you genuinely enjoy being a part of, and always choose quality over quantity. It's really the people that make the organization, and you'll get out what you put in!

There are going to be lots of ups and downs, and it's very normal to feel anxious about this new journey, but these next few years will be some of the best times of your life. I encourage you to push yourself to try new things during your time at college, even during this mostly virtual semester. I'm confident that you will find your home at UVA, just like I did! I wish you the best of luck with your first semester and the rest of your years at UVA. We're very excited to have you!

Go Hoos!

Sincerely,  
A member of the Class of 2021