

Hello, Class of 2024!

Welcome to UVA! It's a turbulent time to be a student, even more so for those just starting out their college experience. This past year has incredibly trying, and you've been so incredibly resilient this whole time! Whether you are on Grounds or at home, the UVA community is so lucky to have you and we are all made better because of it!

This might be a cliché, but college really is one of the best opportunities you get to branch out and try new things, meet new people, and find communities that inspire you! As a first year, I got involved with AKAdMiX Dance Crew, a dance group here on Grounds that has really pushed and stretched my creative and artistic boundaries. I got sucked in and am still an active member on it today. I've met so many talented people and have learned so much from every other club member I've encountered. Our club motto is "be better", and while it may be simple and somewhat obvious, it really captures the spirit of our club and how we try to better ourselves every day. Along the way, however, I've joined clubs for a semester or two and dropped them, trying to find the best fit for me. Don't be afraid to try new things, but it's also totally okay to try new things and decide that they're not for you (and this goes for your major too)!

College can be exhausting and overwhelming; I know the first few months definitely wore me out! In between classes, clubs and meeting new friends, don't forget to take time for yourself too! I hope the start of the semester has been going smoothly so far, and I wish you the best of luck for the rest of the semester and the rest of your years at UVA! We're all so excited to welcome you to the UVA community! Wahoowa!

Sincerely,

A Friend from the Fourth Year Class

Class of 2021