Hello, Class of 2024!

First of all, welcome to UVA. You worked incredibly hard during high school to get admitted to a world-renowned institution, and the last part of your high school experience was taken away from you. Furthermore, your first semester on Grounds is far different from what you must have envisioned. The situation is quite unfortunate, and we all feel for you. Everyone at UVA wants to reinforce to you that you are an integral component of this university and we are so happy to have you here.

There are so many wonderful things about UVA and surrounding Charlottesville, and hopefully you will get to experience them to the fullest during your four years at the University. Some suggestions I have for you are: picking apples and enjoying the Sunset Series at Carter's Mountain on Thursday evenings, heading to the Farmer's Market during weekends in downtown Charlottesville, and just sitting and enjoying the company on the Lawn. It can be difficult to imagine doing some of these things at the moment, but I affirm that this moment shall pass.

Entering UVA and being immersed in a completely new environment can be difficult, but I know you can do it. Best of luck this semester, and we all have your back. Wahoowa!

Sincerely, A Friend from the Fourth Year Class Class of 2021