

## What's Good Class of 2024!

This must be super weird/different and something you may have never thought you would go through. Trust us, neither did we. To be honest, we might be the two classes who are on the same page about the way we are feeling. For you all, this was supposed to be the *huge* start of something you've been preparing for since middle school; for us it was supposed to be an exciting and memorable last start of a college year. Three weeks in, and I've realized that it still *can* be. Do not get caught up in the "we could be doing this", "I would have been able to do this", and "I feel bored". Trust me, things could be a whole lot worse. What happens if we were still in a lockdown quarantine?? Get some good perspective and realize that 4 years from now, you're going to look back and wish you knew these were the good ole days before they left. UVA wanted YOU here - don't forget that.

Don't lay around in a bed full of lost hope and sadness. Get out there, go for a walk on Grounds, go grab lunch and eat it at The Rotunda, go for a walk around Downtown \*all with masks and COVID guidelines in mind\*. *These* are the memories that I have with me going into my 4th year. Everyone knows what a party is or what a big get together looks like. Trust me, you're not going to look back 4 years from now and remember any of it. You'll remember your close friends and all the fun stuff you did. You'll remember your home-sickness and how much you love those closest to you. You're in college, guys, time to go out and make some new friends for life. *Please* don't think this will all happen within the first month of being here. It'll take time, and you will find your group. Stop worrying about that if you are. UVA has so many clubs doing virtual events, get out there. Join the alumni association for their bingo nights! So worth it.

College is going to be a rollercoaster, I'm going to be honest with you. Some classes will be harder than others and some experiences won't be to your liking. The good news is that the sun rises and sets everyday. Tomorrow is gonna be a new day and just the fact you're a UVA student, I know you're going places. Congrats on this new chapter, you're gonna love it. Welcome to UVA, class of 2024!

Godspeed,

The Class of 2021