

Hey, new Hoo!

Welcome to UVa! This must be such a difficult time to enter college, and I'm sorry that the timing is not ideal. However, I'm optimistic that you'll still make the most out of the opportunities available to you. You belong here and will find your community, even if it's in a slightly different way than expected.

UVa is a special place and I'm excited that you now get to experience it. For me, it's difficult to not feel a sense of euphoria each time I walk on the Lawn and think of the memories I've experienced here. I have met some of my favorite people at this university and many lifelong friends, formed connections with professors, and changed my career aspirations no less than 5 times! I've laughed until I can't stand anymore, felt the immense relief of turning in a paper, been frustrated, but exuberant, but stressed, but bursting with joy. It's a crazy mix of emotions at times, but one that is a fun ride! I've found my community here through musical groups, the service fraternity I'm in (APO), and people I've been lucky enough to meet in unexpected ways.

I encourage you to push yourself this semester to get the most out of your college experience. It may be difficult, but you are so capable. I know you will ultimately find your home at UVa and have some crazy, new experiences. I wish you the best of luck here! You're gonna kill it!

All the best,
A fourth year