

Hey Class of 2024!

Welcome to the University of Virginia aka TJ's Place! I know these are unprecedented times, but I wanted to personally give you a warm welcome to the wahoo family regardless if you're spending this time at home or on Grounds. We are so excited to have you join the Charlottesville community and I am more than sure that you will begin calling it home without giving it a second thought. Remember, you are meant to be here, you belong here at UVA with all of us. These are difficult times especially to be entering college, but you are not alone and will always have the Hoo community standing beside you.

Even though this year will undoubtedly be different than previous ones, there are still so many opportunities available to you. When I first toured UVA during my junior year of high school, one of the main aspects that interested me the most was the well-known volunteer service called Madison House. I knew coming into UVA that I wanted to be involved in a way that I knew would make an impact. I joined as a volunteer my first year and haven't looked back. I am currently a Program Director for my volunteer site and am so grateful for the relationships it has allowed me to create with people of the local Charlottesville community both kids and adults. I have found some of the cutest kiddos and sweetest parents who I still talk to today. It truly connects the students of UVA with the Charlottesville community which is so essential and such a great feeling.

I urge you to get out of your comfort zone and explore all of the amazing options available to you. It may seem very odd to join clubs and organizations through virtual involvement but the benefits are putting yourself out there are immeasurable. I am positive that you will find a home here at UVA just like I did and this is only the beginning of it all. I wish you the best of luck for not only this semester but for all of your semesters to come. We are so excited to have you and cannot wait for you to experience the wonders of UVA. Go hoos, let the good times roll!

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