

Hello, Class of 2024!

Welcome to UVA! This is definitely a unique time to be entering college but we hope you will still make the most of it. There are many ways to be involved around Grounds in a safe manner and we are excited to have you here!

My time at UVA has truly been the best time of my life. Although it wasn't necessarily smooth sailing the entire four years, having a great group of friends helped me overcome the obstacles I came across on my journey. Every year, I always look forward to Rotunda Sings, Lighting of the Lawn, and basketball season in the spring. Going to these events with friends reminded me of the strong sense of community at UVA and that you will never be alone. There's nothing like cheering for a mutual cause to bring the community together! I have so many memories of these fun times around Grounds that I'm certain I'll remember for the rest of my life.

I understand that you may feel uncertain of the future, especially amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, but please remember that UVA has plenty of resources to help their students achieve success regardless of the circumstances. I advise you to take full advantage of all the resources UVA provides, particularly the many clubs and organizations where you can develop those lifelong friendships. Don't be afraid to try something new and put yourself out there; you'd be surprised at what you find. And most importantly, remember to have fun and enjoy your four years here! I wish you the best of luck!

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