

Hello Class of 2024!

I know it may be difficult entering college this year since this is not the experience that you anticipated. I, however, encourage you to make the most of this time and to not lose sight of why you were selected to attend a prestigious institution such as UVA. You belong here and you are a big part of what makes this university so special. There are still so many ways that you can get involved (even if it means you are not on grounds). Getting involved is the key to making UVA feel like a second home!

I cannot help but reflect on all the happy memories from my time here at UVA. One of the first was meeting my friends in One Way, a Christian group, on grounds. From the very start, each member of the organization was so kind and welcoming and helped me as a first year become acclimated to college life. Everything from the late night runs to IHOP, game nights at 1515, and other various events brought us all the more closer together. One Way became my family and I could not be more thankful for the role this organization has played in my life.

Remember, do not be afraid to reach out to an upperclassman you admire whether it is because of their major or involvement in a certain organization. Us fourth years are here to support you so you can leave this place better than you found it.

Good luck and welcome to the UVA family!

Sincerely,

Sherese Bonner

Batten, Class of 2021