

Hello, Class of 2024!

Welcome to the University of Virginia! We are so excited for you to be joining our family. I know that this is not the way that you would have expected or even wanted to start the next season of your life, but I am confident that you can and will thrive even in these uncertain times. My time here at UVA has really taught me about the importance of intentional relationships, and UVA has proven to be a phenomenal place for community. I hope you will start to build some rich friendships here at UVA even amidst the challenges! Please know that you are welcome and wanted here.

My favorite part about UVA is incredible people that I have met, from my peers to roommates to our amazing faculty and staff. One of the places that I have met many of my closest friends is through Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship. This is a place of genuine community, and I have loved meeting so many kind and fun people to do life with. Every Wednesday or Thursday night, we come together for what we call Core Groups, which is essentially a group of guys or gals who meet up to worship together, build community, discuss spiritual topics, and learn how to mourn and rejoice with one another. This community has really changed my life, and I am excited for the life-long friendships that will result from my time in Chi Alpha!

A word of advice from a fourth year: love the many, but invest in the few. What I mean by that is I have found it to be much more rewarding to invest deeply in a few activities and friendships rather than sign up for 15 clubs and not commit as deeply to each of them. Also, know that you will find your people. It is okay if you haven't found them yet. They are out there! I am rooting for you! Know that you are loved and known and that you are stronger than you know. Best of luck with your first semester... don't forget to take some time to enjoy it.

Go Hoos!

Warm regards,
Jo K.
Class of 2021