

Hello Class of 2024!

Welcome! I want to start by saying that the entire UVA community is excited to have you join us! I can only imagine the difficulty you're facing entering a whole new community, environment, and period of your life during these strange and confusing pandemic times.

I hope you can find some insights to use and apply from my experience and time thus far at UVA. It's ok to not feel completely situated right now. It will take time to adjust to a new lifestyle and will take some navigating to find your place at UVA. One piece of advice I have is to try not to miss a beat but also don't over indulge yourself. It is really all about balance. Learn what works best for you.

I encourage you to try new things and challenge yourself because you won't get the same opportunities again. Go to the Salsa class, spend time with friends on the lawn. Some of my best memories at UVA are meals sitting on the Rotunda steps with friends and Lightning of the Lawn. Truly magical memories are awaiting for you and I'm excited for you to experience them. Push yourself out of your comfort zone.

This is a special time where you get to build strong life-long relationships and learn much more than just what you will read in your textbooks. I wish you the best of luck with this semester and the rest of your time at UVA. If you ever need an extra ear or additional advice about anything please don't hesitate to reach out. I will add my email to the bottom of this letter!

Sincerely,

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