

Hello, Class of 2024!

Welcome to UVA! I can't imagine entering college during a pandemic, but I am confident you're going to have the best time possible here at UVA. You now belong to the wonderful community of students at UVA and we are all here to support you.

One of my favorite memories at UVA was getting the chance to perform with my dance club at Lighting of the Lawn (LOTL). I joined my dance club during my spring semester of my first year and this was how I met some of my closest friends at UVA. LOTL started as a UVA tradition following the attack of 9/11 as a way for UVA students to bring some light back into the world. It takes place just before exams start during fall semester. It's such a fun experience to get to attend with your friends and watch performance from student groups like acapella, dance, and improv. The night ends with a light show before the Lawn is ceremonially lit for the season. I am confident that in the years to come you and your friends will also get the chance to experience a LOTL together.

I have faith that you will find your place and your people here at UVA. It may be a little different starting mostly online, but I encourage you to reach outside your comfort zone a little and try new things (in a safe way of course). There are always things to get involved in at UVA, so don't stress if you don't have the semester you planned. I didn't end up meeting most of my friends at UVA until second semester. Good luck with your first semester at UVA and beyond. We all are very happy to have you here at UVA!

Sincerely,
Lyndsay B.
Class of 2021