Hello, Class of 2024!

Welcome to UVA! I know this year probably isn't what you expected your first-year of college to be like, but it is important to recognize that your experience, although uncanny, is unique! Take this time, to reflect on creative ways to make this a meaningful time for you, either on Grounds or at home. Although, you don't see all of us, your fellow Hoos are here for you, and we're so excited to have you join our community!

One of the great thinks about college, is it's a great opportunity to try out new experiences! As a female in the engineering school, it was often easy to feel out of place. I never thought I would join a sorority, but my 2nd year at UVA I decided to rush A.O.E. (the engineering sorority on Grounds) and I ended up finding a wonderful community of women in STEM! Remember to stay open-minded as you explore the various different paths the university has to offer- you might surprise yourself with what you find!

This is uncertain time for everyone, but don't let that stop you from pushing yourself to try new things this semester! Your peers are here for you and we are so excited to see what you will do with your time here! Good luck with the rest of your first semester!

Go Hoos!

Sincerely, A Fellow Wahoo Class of 2021