

Hello, Class of 2024!

Welcome to UVA! We are excited to have you join us. Yes, these are unprecedented times but I couldn't think of any group of individuals that will weather these times with grace. I am confident you will find your niche here at UVA, whether you decide to embark on this new stage of your academic career from the comforts of your home or here on grounds. I have no doubt that you will create a valuable and memorable experience.

There are many ways to go about creating a home for yourself here at UVA. For myself, it has been through joining the Undergraduate Black Law Student Association (UBLSA). As a minority organization, UBLSA gave me the community to navigate the complex career field that is Law. We host events where we practice LSAT questions, provide people with mentors from the UVA law school, and tour some of the countries top law Schools like Columbia Law. Due to the immense impact this organization has had on me, I'm honored to function as the Vice president of our undergraduate chapter this year. My UBLSA family is definitely the highlight of my time here at UVA.

My Advice to you? Push yourself out of your comfort zone every chance you get. Embrace the new opportunities and experiences that present itself to you. It's easy to fall into the routines you're used to, given that you are already experiencing lots of changes in your life. Good luck with everything this year! Once again, welcome to HOOSFamily

Sincerely,
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