

Hello, Class of 2024!

Welcome to UVA!! We are so excited to have the newest class of Hoos. I wanted to say I really sympathize with how hard this time must feel, and this is by no means a fair situation, but I am confident your class will navigate these challenging times and come out stronger.

I am from out of state and came here knowing almost no one. But just three years later, I can say UVA is my second home and these people are my family. And I do not say that to be sentimental. I truly feel that. My favorite's memories at UVA are from staying up late in hallmate's dorms, having "family" dinners in my Grandmarc apartment, watching the bachelor in my sorority's chapter room, and this year, piling in my car with my 6 roommates to go get Ben n Jerry's. I bring up those memories to point out I think the true beauty of college is in the small moments with the people closest to you. Personally, it wasn't the night at trin or the crowded frat party. Most likely, COVID won't last the next 4 years and you will have the opportunity to feel claustrophobic in trin or way too sweaty in a frat, but for now, I encourage you to put yourself out there, in safe ways, and find people that make you feel good and that you can share the little things in life with.

It is all easier said than done, so remember to take a deep breath every once in a while and remind yourself you are doing great and its okay that things don't feel perfect. Best of luck with your first year! I am so excited for you to experience UVA and begin an incredible journey of learning and growth ☺

Best,

A friend of the fourth year class <3