

Hello, Class of 2024!

WAHOOWA! WELCOME TO UVA :D (Your home for the next four years). This is definitely not your typical college experience, but you are now a fellow Hoo that deserves and belongs in our community! We are so excited to have you!

I hope classes are going well, despite being online, but I also hope that you have been able to explore all the awesome opportunities here on Grounds as well! There are over 500+ CIOs (organizations) here, so there's definitely a niche for you! One of the opportunities I am most grateful for is my involvement in Madison House. Madison House is our major volunteering hub at UVA, and within the organization, they have several different volunteering programs and opportunities. Before COVID-19, I used to volunteer at the UVA Hospital through the Medical Services Program. Every week, I was able to do in-patient visiting on the pediatric floor. I got to play games and make slime with kids during my shift!! It was such a fun and rewarding experience, as well as a break from the daily grind of school work to say the least.

We currently live in unprecedented times with the COVID-19 pandemic (I hope you and your family are safe and doing well). Although there are a lot of uncertainties moving forward, I want to reaffirm you that you are never alone on this journey! I am confident that you will make a home for yourself at UVA, whether it be on Grounds or remotely! I wish you the best of luck in all of your endeavors!

Go Hoos!

Sincerely,  
Jackie C.  
Class of 2021