

Hello, Class of 2024!

I would like to give you a warm welcome to UVA! Although the situation right now is not ideal, I want to remind you that you are still very welcome and wanted at UVA. Now is a good time to be there for each other and help one another out when needed.

Even though this year will undoubtedly be different from previous years, there is still a lot to look forward to at UVA! I still remember my first year when I got to meet new and amazing people while learning so much during my classes. During my first year, I got to learn a lot about myself and explore things I have not ever experienced before! For example, there are many places to eat and many different cuisines of food available to taste all around Charlottesville. I also got to take a huge variety of classes from arts to engineering.

I also participated in different clubs, one of which was dance! Before coming to UVA, I had a passion for dance but it only grew when I joined Sharaara at UVA. Not only did I grow as a dancer and leader, but I made friends that are going to last a lifetime.

I know that you may be feeling anxious or uncertain about starting your first year of college, but be sure to remember that you have a lot of support from your upperclassmen, professors, and friends! Do not worry at all, and always remember to be yourself :)

Sincerely,  
A Friend from the Fourth Year Class of 2021

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Hello, Class of 2024!

Welcome to UVA! I know that this is a difficult time to be entering college in many ways, but I am optimistic that you will be creative in finding chances to make the most of your time here, whether you are on Grounds or at home. Remember that you belong at UVA, and your fellow Hoos are very excited to have you join our community!

Something that I love about UVA is that there are so many different opportunities to get involved and meet new people. One of the opportunities that I have been most grateful for was joining the Career Peer Educators program through the UVA Career Center, which I joined during the beginning of my third year. As student employees, Career Peer Educators learn a lot about career counseling and professional development, but my favorite part of the program has been building strong friendships with the other people in my program, which consists of UVA students of all different majors, years, and backgrounds. It has been wonderful to have spent the last year working and growing with an extremely supportive group of co-workers who have also become close friends.

I encourage you to push yourself to try new things during your time at college, even during this mostly virtual semester. I'm confident that you will find your home at UVA, just like I did! I wish you the best of luck with your first semester and the rest of your years at UVA. We're very excited to have you!

Go Hoos!

Sincerely,  
Kirstena L.  
Class of 2021