

Hey, Class of 2024!

I hope you've had a relatively smooth transition into college given the circumstances. I understand how difficult it must have been to pack up your lives at home and move to a completely new territory, in the middle of a pandemic no less. The excitement that comes with meeting new people and forging friendships of a lifetime within the first few weeks of college is irreplaceable. The entire UVA community, especially the Class of 2021, wishes the conditions were different for you all; we know that if anyone has the heart and creativity to adapt to this situation it is your class. Regardless of the current situation, we are ecstatic to have you joining us on Grounds and cannot wait to see all that you accomplish in your time at the best university in the country.

I can't say this is anywhere I thought we'd be when it was finally time to reflect on my undergraduate career. I can, however, say that the integrity of this community exceeded my expectations by leaps and bounds. There aren't enough words to adequately describe the degree of character development, both intellectually and personally, that I've made here. The people within the UVA community, the opportunities that will be presented to you, and the diversity of thought that you'll encounter in your classes will have an invaluable impact on the person you become.

You have so much to look forward to and we are so happy to have you here. Keep your heads and morale up; you've just entered the best chapter of your young adult lives. We cannot wait to cheer you on and support all your future endeavors. Welcome. :)

Much love,
A Friend from the Fourth Year Class