

hello, class of 2024!

Welcome! I'm always so happy to meet a fellow hoo. While starting college this year comes with its own unique challenges, I'm sure you and the rest of your class will rise to the occasion. The global pandemic and social unrest are highly disheartening, but please know the UVA community, specifically the class of 2021, are here for you. We are all so excited to have you in our family; what you bring to the table is valuable and important.

Looking back, it feels so obvious that UVA is where I belong. I've found people that understand how I got here and where I am going. The Society of Women engineers (SWE) gave me an outlet where I can meet hundreds of other women in the field. Our outreach events in local K-12 schools gave me a chance to mentor young girls, in a way I wish I had as a kid. I brought my passion for outreach to Madison House, where I am always learning about issues facing college youth and how to help.

Good Luck with your first semester of college! I know how scary it is; I stumbled a bit but turned out just fine! I've grown so much during my time at UVA, and can't wait

for you to do the same. A word of
advice: don't forget to take time for
yourself, not everything is about academics!

All the Best,

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SEAS class of 2021

Go Hoos!

