Hello, Class of 2024!

Welcome to UVA! Although this is probably not how you imagined your first year of college, I am certain that you will be able to find your place at UVA, wherever you may be learning from. No matter your circumstance, remember that you belong at UVA and that your fellow Hoos are beyond excited to have you as a part of the community.

One of my favorite things about UVA is the sense of belonging I get from the organizations I joined during my time here. I joined club gymnastics in my first year at UVA and it has been one of the most positive experiences throughout my college career. As part of the team, I have engaged with the UVA community, competed against other schools, and even traveled to different parts of the country. Through a club sport, I managed to stay active, build strong friendships, and gain leadership experience. These past three years on the team have been endlessly rewarding and I am beyond thankful for the opportunity to have found such a supportive group of people at UVA.

Despite being a mostly virtual semester, I encourage you to leave your comfort zone and pursue new experiences. Reach out to your fellow Hoos if you ever feel uncertain or lost. I know that you'll find your home here at UVA, just as I have. 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!

Good times, go Hoos!

Sincerely, Hannah Class of 2021