



Welcome to the University of Virginia

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Dear First Year,

I can't imagine how your year is starting off. The transition from high school to college without any solid mile markers to signify your achievement. Well, let me be one of the many that wish you the best of luck in your transitioning years and congratulations! You have made it to the best university in the state of Virginia. No matter if you've lived down the street or are coming from across the country to attend this school, you've made the right choice. I say this as a fourth year on my way out, I am truly going to miss this place. Not enough to stay a fifth year but you get it.

Now this year you have a lot more choices than usual. You could be getting this letter in your mailbox at home and not even aware of the treacherous lines at the mailroom. If that's the case: I implore you to return to campus. It's a vibrant place to call home for a few years before moving to the next phase of your life. If you made the decision to be here. Make sure to check out the events that are happening on grounds. UPC will always have some very nifty giveaways for students especially the first years. If you're not athletic I think you should still take an informal tour of all the gyms on grounds. This is the only time you have a gym membership that you won't be tempted to cancel.

Btw you have to dislike Virginia Tech now. I wouldn't go so far as to say hate, you don't even have to change the words to the good ole song (you'll learn what that is soon) but you have to dislike them. It's the healthy rivalry you expect here. Lastly, even if you get nothing else from this letter, **Join Waffle Wednesday!** It's a club that makes waffles in the name of friendship. Follow WaffleWednesdayAtUVA on Instagram, show up to the events, eat waffles.

Sincerely,

Destiny Brown
