

Hello, Class of 2024!

I just wanted to take a moment to welcome you to UVA! I know that this is a difficult time to be entering college in many ways. This is a time of transition in your life and this may be your first time away from home. I remember feeling so excited to move in, but also super anxious about being in a new environment. However, 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. UVA is a new place for you to start fresh and it's a time to write a new chapter in the ongoing story of your life. UVA is the place for you and I'm so happy that you're joining the UVA 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 Christian Fellowship Chi Alpha. I joined my first year and I was looking for a Christian community. I felt so welcomed and accepted for who I was. I made the best of friends through that and I have lived with some girls in Chi Alpha and specifically my core group since my first year. My favorite part of Chi Alpha are core groups which are small groups that meet weekly to discuss life and talk about the Bible. Meeting weekly was a time to share with friends about life and I had people to talk too in my highs and lows. It has been wonderful to have spent the past few years growing closer with an extremely supportive group of girls who have become my close friends.

I encourage you to push yourself to try new things during your time at college, even during this mostly virtual semester. It's okay to sign up for random activities, you never know if you will like it or not. Even if anything it's still nice to get emails from time to time about a club and you may find yourself attending an event. UVA is an exciting place where you can not only further your education, but also learn more about yourself while enjoying the best years of your life. Welcome again to UVA and I'm so excited that you're here!

Go Hoos!

Sincerely,
Dorothy C.
Class of 2021