

Hello, Class of 2024!

Welcome to the greatest school and community on earth! I know this is a crazy time to enter college, but whether at home or in Charlottesville, you should be so excited for this adventure and so proud to call yourself a wahoo.

I am a fourth year and take it from me: time flies. There is so much to do, so much to learn, so many people to meet and experiences to have but don't at all let it overwhelm you! You find your path and your squad and your major and it all works out. Join clubs, take interesting classes, and don't be afraid to push outside of your comfort zone.

My best advice:

- Go to basketball games – you will not regret it
- Take advantage of free food everywhere. Whether it's alumni hall events or halftime of a fall sports, there is always free food somewhere
- Walk everywhere. It's worth it. Ground is beautiful.
- Be nice to everyone because people keep reappearing over the years – this place is not that big!!! By fourth year, you are connected to every other fourth year in some way or through someone
- Go to lighting of the lawn and rotunda sing and trick or treating on the lawn and DO NOT get bummed out if these things don't happen this year, there is still time
- Professors want to talk to you and want you to be engaged. If you ask a question about a reading they assigned they will be so happy

Good luck with the semester!!! Adjusting can take time but you will do great. Have fun and be safe and healthy. ALWAYS use the buddy system. Work hard but take breaks and have fun because these four years fly by.

Sincerely,  
Friend from the fourth year class