

Hello, Class of 2024!

Let me start by saying congratulations to you for getting into UVA and choosing to spend the next four years here! Welcome to UVA! I understand that this can be a difficult transition, especially during a pandemic, but I know that you will find your place here and make memories that will last a lifetime. Always remember that your fellow Hoos are here to support you!

My time here has been amazing and I have never once regretted my decision to come to UVA! I have made friends that feel like family and I have found a love for college sports. Also, during my time here, I have met so many people that come from different backgrounds than me who have helped me in discovering who I am and want to be as a person. Although, I have years of memories, I do not think that one compares to the excitement of watching out 2019 Men's Basketball team win the National Championship! The atmosphere at JPJ is always electric but that night I am sure that people in the next few counties could hear our cheers! Nothing has compared to that level of community love and support than when everyone flooded the Corner to celebrate. That is only one example of the great times I have had at UVA, with of course beating Tech last year being another. However, the best thing is that I have found my purpose here and have met friends that will always be there for me when I need them. I know you will create some stellar memories here with some amazing people even though your first year is starting out a little different than originally planned.

I know it can be hard to break out of your comfort zone but I encourage you to try new things during your time here and to really take advantage of the opportunities offered not just by the University but in the Charlottesville area as well. I am confident that you too will consider UVA to be home as well as find your place here. I wish you the best of luck with your first semester and those to come at UVA! We are extremely happy to have you join our Wahoo family!

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Sincerely,
Brie Thurman
Class of 2021