

Hello, Class of 2024!

Welcome to UVA! I can't begin to imagine what it must be like to start your first year of college in a pandemic; I know that this is a difficult time in many ways, but I am hopeful that you will find creative ways to make the most of your time while at UVA. If you are having overwhelming negative thoughts and feelings, just know that it is completely normal and that it takes time to adjust to a new place. Remember that this pandemic won't last forever, that you belong at UVA, and your fellow Hoos are very excited to have you join our community!

Even though this year may not be shaping up to what you thought it would be like, there is still a lot to get involved on Grounds and around Charlottesville! What I love about UVA is the abundance of organizations and activities for students to get involved in. One of my favorite activities that I have gotten involved with has been Class Council for the Class of 2021. Every class has a council to plan events that serve the unique needs of each class. It is an incredible opportunity not only to identify and solve problems your class faces, but to meet people in your class of all different majors, years, and backgrounds. It has been wonderful to have spent the last year working and growing with an extremely supportive group of students who have also become close friends.

I encourage you to push yourself to try new things during your time at college, even during this mostly virtual semester. I'm confident that you will find your home at UVA, just like I did! 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!

Go Hoos!

Sincerely,
Christina
Class of 2021