I hope you have been settling in well and finding your grounds at UVA. This is without a doubt a challenging time for all of us, but especially for you first years as you have to acclimate to a new environment, new friends, new classes, and new surroundings. However, everyone at UVA is excited for you to join our community, and I have no doubt that you will find the clubs, classes, and friends that will make you feel like UVA is your home away from home.

UVA has a multitude of clubs and organizations in pretty much every domain/interest you can think of. Whether you are looking to join something more professional, academic, social, service-oriented – I'm sure there is a club that meets your interests. One of the organizations I have truly appreciated since joining is Alpha Kappa Psi, the professional business fraternity at UVA. To me, AKPsi has felt like a perfect blend between professionalism and fun. I have benefited a tremendous amount from a career standpoint, but I have also found some of my closest friends at UVA in AKPsi. Regardless of what year or major you are in, AKPsi tries to create a culture that breeds collaboration; everyone is a family at AKPsi, and whenever anyone needs help, others are always willing to lend a helping hand. If you have any interest in business, wondering whether pre-comm is the right track for you, or just want to meet a group of diverse, intellectual, and fun brothers, I would highly recommend looking into AKPsi.

Transitioning into college is never easy. But you are never alone. I encourage you to take your first semester to try new adventures, and hopefully discover new interests along the way. Don't be afraid to step outside of your comfort zone – I promise you won't regret it. I'm confident that you will find your home at UVA, just like I did! Best of luck with your first semester at UVA – I'm sure you will kill it! Go Hoos!

Sincerely, Anonymous Class of 2021