

Hello, Class of 2024!

I want to wish you guys a warm welcome! I know everything is so new and you may be scared, but this is an exciting time to find yourself, your friends, your interests (academic and personal), and who you want to be. Although this is not a normal year given all that's going on with the pandemic and social injustice, we all have to stay strong, be optimistic and make the best out of the situation! Put yourself out there and enjoy the ride! Always remember that you are welcome and wanted at UVA!

Even though this year will undoubtedly look different from previous ones, there is still a lot to look forward to at UVA! Don't put yourself in a bubble just because everything is virtual! This is the time to make close personal relationships with others and make a home for yourself on grounds! Join different clubs and organizations to find out what you are interested in and make friends! I joined a cultural organization and that really helped me make close friend groups that I cherish to this day. My favorite experience at UVA is studying abroad during J-term. I went to St. Kitts and Nevis my second year to study public health and Rome my third year to study architecture. It was such an amazing experience and I definitely recommend it when the time allows!

You may feel anxious and uncertain about starting your first year of college, but we have all been there and came out of it on the other side for the better! Push yourself to try new things this virtual semester! I'm confident that you will find your home at UVA, just like I did! Wishing you the best of luck on your first semester and the rest of your time at UVA. We're very excited to have you!

Sincerely,
A Friend from the Fourth Year Class
"Class of 2021"