

Hello, Class of 2024!

Welcome to UVA! I cannot begin to imagine how crazy it must be to enter college during such a difficult time. That being said, I just want you to know that we are so happy that you have joined this community. I believe that you will have an incredible time here which will be filled with the best memories - even if the first few have to be made via Zoom!

One of my favorite things about UVA is the amount of opportunities that you have at your disposal. Specifically, the chance to get involved with an organization that means a lot to you. One of these groups for me has been University Programs Council (UPC), which is a student-run programming board that puts on tons of exciting events around Grounds. This group has allowed me a space to be creative and work within a team to bring fun events to the UVA community. Also, I've been lucky enough to meet some pretty incredible people along the way!

If I were to give you a piece of advice, it would be to get involved in something that genuinely brings you joy. Remember - it can be silly and completely unrelated from your intended major. I am sure that there is a club for it at UVA, and if not then you can start one! Also, I urge you to be creative in finding ways to connect (safely and virtually) with others in the student body. Get out of your comfort zone to attend virtual events where you can make friends. Finally, try not to be so hard on yourself. Although I don't know you, I know that you are probably doing the very best that you can with what you have.

Hang in there and stay strong. You belong at UVA and I'm so very excited that you are a Hoo!

Wishing you health and happiness,  
A Fourth Year Friend  
Class of 2021