

Hello, Class of 2024 :)

Cheers to the most unique start to college ever! I hope you are doing well both emotionally and physically during these challenging times. On its own, the transition to college is exciting but nerve-wracking; throw in a pandemic and social turmoil ... to say the least, these are emotionally exhausting times. We are so happy that you have still chosen to be a part of the UVA community, and appreciate your presence. So, welcome Wahoos :)

The UVA community has so much to offer, with such an expansive variety of activities that there is something for everyone. I have so many fond memories throughout my years here; a massive snowball fight on the lawn, singing "Africa" by Toto on the steps of the Rotunda, surrounded by strangers ... crowd surfing on the corner after we won the National Championship. You are in for a real treat!

If you are feeling lost right now, or are having trouble making friends under these circumstances, just remember that you are worth it and it takes time. I took all of first year and more to really find my place and people here. I encourage you to get creative – message someone in class and ask to set up a zoom chat if you like their vibe! Join a club for some virtual socializing! Now is a great opportunity to really explore - your time is completely your own, so spend it doing what you enjoy with people that fulfill you. And remember, no one is better at being you than you :)

Sincerely,
A Fourth Year Friend
Class of 2021