

Hello, Class of 2024!

Welcome to UVA! I hope that you are in good health and that your first year is off to a great start. I know that the current circumstances are not ideal and that you might not have envisioned college starting this way, but don't let that get you down. Whether you are on Grounds or at home, there is plenty to look forward to this year, and I am confident you will find ways to make the experience all the more rewarding.

Something that I love about UVA is the freedom it provides for each student to discover their passion. From academics and athletics to extracurricular activities and professional experiences, UVA offers a myriad of opportunities that are waiting for eager young students just like you. It was by exploring these different areas that I found my place at the University. By experiencing different courses in my first year, I discovered my interest in systems engineering and economics. But don't think that you have to figure it all out in your first year! During my first 3 years, I jumped between a number of different clubs before I found the one (a consulting club) for me. And it wasn't until 2nd year spring semester that I began my current role as a tutor and TA.

These opportunities are not suddenly gone just because we are operating virtually. They are available to those present in-person and virtually alike. As you embark on your journey at UVA, I encourage you to keep an open mind and seek out what interests you. And if you don't find it this year, don't fret! There are so many ways in which you can engage in the UVA community, and everyone's path looks a little different!

We are excited that you're here!

Go Hoos!

Sincerely,
A Friend in the Fourth Year Class
Class of 2021