

Class of 2024!

Welcome to UVA! I can't imagine being a first year during this difficult time, but I hope you all are making the best out of this situation. Whether you are back on Grounds or spending this semester at home, I know that you will still find ways to feel a part of the UVA community.

This year will be challenging for everyone and it's okay to feel stressed or overwhelmed at times. Connecting with fellow classmates may be difficult with online classes and social distancing measures, but don't get discouraged. There is so much to look forward to at UVA! I want you to know that you are already a part of this community, and that you are wanted here no matter what you look like, who you love, what you believe in, or where you come from. Regardless of who you are, there is a place for you here.

As I write this letter, I reflect on the time I have spent at UVA, and I can't help but smile. The best and my favorite memories are the ones I have made with the friends I have met here. I can't stress enough how important it is for you to put yourself outside of your comfort zone in college. Make the first move to reach out to a new friend, join a CIO (what we call clubs here), take a class just because it interests you. The best experiences will come from unforeseen places.

I would like to wish you the very best of luck for your first year at UVA. If I could give one piece of advice, it would be to never be afraid to ask for help, and to always embrace new opportunities! You got this! WAHOOWA!!!

Sincerely,  
A Friend from the Fourth Year Class