

Hello, Class of 2024!

Welcome to UVA! I know this is a super challenging time to enter college with everything going on in the world, but I hope that you can still allow yourself to feel the joy and excitement that comes with starting a new chapter of your life. I know things may seem a bit difficult right now, but trust me, there is so much to look forward to during your time here at UVA!

Looking back on my experience at UVA, I remember all the great times that I've had. From meeting new friends, learning new things, going to sporting events, and so much more. My fondest memory though (of course) is winning the basketball National Championship (GO HOOS). I went to JPJ to watch the game on the big screen with thousands of other students, and it was such an unforgettable experience. I hope you will get to experience a National Championship game in your time at UVA! Some other simple things I've enjoyed during my time here are having picnics on the Lawn, setting my hammock up somewhere on Grounds and just relaxing, walking around downtown Charlottesville, and going to the farmer's market with my friends. These are all simple pleasures I hope you will get to enjoy too.

I remember the anxiety I had when I first started college, it is completely normal! My biggest advice to you is to work hard, but also be kind to yourself. Take frequent breaks, do things that make you happy, make lots of friends, and enjoy yourself! I also encourage you to try new things and step out of your comfort zone. It can be scary at first, but it is well worth it. Your four years at UVA will go by so fast, so make the most of every second. I wish you the best of luck, and hope that your experience at UVA will be everything you've imagined it to be and more! Always remember that everyone at UVA is so happy that you are here!

Sincerely,

A Friend from the Fourth Year Class of 2021