

Hello, Class of 2024!

Welcome to UVA! We are so happy to have you join our community of Hoos this semester, even under these difficult circumstances. While I'm sure that this isn't how you pictured the start of your college experience, I have no doubt that you will rise to meet the unique challenges being presented during your first year and throughout your time at UVA. Never forget that you belong at this University and that we are excited to have you as a member of our community!

Even though this year will undoubtedly look different, there is still so much to look forward to at UVA! Some of my favorite times at UVA have been spent in the company of a few close friends; luckily, those moments can still happen safely now. In fact, the girls who lived on my hall during first year became some of my closest friends, and we have lived together ever since. I encourage you to reach out and engage with those around you (safely) in order to make the most of your first-year experience. Clubs can also be a fantastic way to meet people – the Psychological Society was a lifesaver for my very introverted first year self! Most clubs and organizations are still active in some form this semester, so be sure to check out the @UVA website if you haven't already.

I encourage you to expand your horizons during college and to appreciate the time you spend here – it goes by quicker than you think! I have no doubt that you will find your home here and do great things during your time at UVA. Wishing you all the best this semester and beyond!

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