

WELCOME UVA Class of 2024,

We are so happy to have you join this incredible University, whether you are at home or on grounds I hope you are starting to enjoy being a UVA student. I know that entering your first year of college can be really hard. But you wouldn't be here if you weren't meant to be here! Remember that! You are smart, you are capable and you are amazing!!

UVA holds a special place in my heart, and now that I am reaching the end of my undergraduate experience I am thinking of all the amazing times I have had. For example, when we won the national championship and all ran to the corner from our houses to celebrate! Or all the great times I have had with my friends traveling for Water polo tournaments. With these big memories, I also cherish the small sweet ones, like picnics on the lawn with my friends, hiking humpback, UVA ring ceremony and much more.

The biggest piece of advice I can give you is to find your community here! My experience at UVA was magnified by the incredible family I found with the Women's Club Water Polo team! I have made friendships and memories that will last forever. I also have found close friends within my nursing school community. It's amazing to have those people who know exactly what you are going through. UVA has thousands of clubs, there is a community here for everyone you just have to dig around a little and find it.

As you move through your first year I hope you come out with new friends and a love for UVA. I wish you good luck with classes, make sure you work hard and study, but also remember that its ok to take a break and have some fun. Also, don't forget to learn the UVA lingo. Its grounds not campus! Hope you have an amazing first year and a great four years... or more at The University of Virginia.

Sincerely,

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Class of 2021