

Hi, Class of 2024!

Welcome to UVA! I know that this is an extremely difficult time to be entering college, but I am hopeful that you will nonetheless find chances to make the most of your time at UVA, whether you are starting on Grounds or at home. Remember that you belong at UVA, and your fellow Hoos are so excited to have you join our Wahoo family!

One of the things that I love the most about UVA is that there are so many different opportunities to get involved with things that you are passionate about and meet new, like-minded people. One of the opportunities that I have been most grateful for was joining the Intramural-Recreational Sports staff, which I joined as an intramural referee my first year. As student employees, referees and supervisors learn a lot about time management and conflict resolution, but my favorite part of the job has been building strong friendships with my co-workers, UVA students of all different majors, years, and backgrounds. It has been wonderful to have spent the last few years working and growing with an extremely supportive group of co-workers who have truly become close friends.

I encourage you to push yourself to try new things during your time at UVA, even during this mostly virtual semester. I'm confident that you will find your home here, just like I did! I wish you the best of luck with your first semester and the rest of your journey at UVA. We're very lucky to have you!

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Sincerely,
Mary Katherine G.
Class of 2021