

Hello, Class of 2024!

Welcome to grounds! I know this is a bizarre time to be beginning your college career, but still do your best to make the most of it. Get creative in how you socialize, and do your best to interact with people whenever you get the chance. Don't forget that you belong at UVA, and that people want to meet you!

I have had an unbelievable experience here at UVA. I've made lasting friendship, grown tremendously as a person, and learned invaluable lessons both inside and outside the classroom. Something that I am particularly fond of is my first year experience in Courtenay (not even sure if people still live here, sorry). I developed a great bond with everyone in my suite, and this bond has lasted us through college. Just last week, we had a reunion dinner together which was a ton of fun. Some of these guys I hadn't seen since first-year, but we picked right back up from where we left off. I know this is going to be a very strange year, but do your best to make friends with those around you because you never know where those friendships may go.

Despite most things being virtual, I highly encourage you to try new things and to be involved with different groups at UVA. The beginning of college can be difficult for many, but I can ensure you that you are not alone, and you are ready to take it on. Good luck, and enjoy college! You'll be a fourth year before you know it! (trust me)

Sincerely,
Jackson
Class of 2021