## WAHOOWHAT is up class of 2024???

We are SO happy to have you as part of our family! While this semester has been anything but normal, I hope you have still been able to find some form of community in the midst of the chaos. There are so many different ways to find a home in this new space, and it definitely takes time, so trust the process!

Some of my favorite experiences so far at UVA have been the smallest and most random moments. One time first year, I was walking into my dorm building late at night when I saw two people sitting on the ground talking to each other. We all said hi and one of the people asked me if I would like to sit down and join the conversation. Four hours of talking and laughing later, we watched the sunrise together and exchanged snapchats. Did I expect to start a four-hour conversation at 2am with two complete strangers? Nope! Am I forever grateful that I decided to sit down and join them? Yes! To this day, I consider those "two strangers" some of my closest friends.

I encourage you to take advantage of these organic opportunities to meet one another and try saying yes to new experiences that you maybe wouldn't have said yes to six months ago. Lean into the UVA community and embrace the awkwardness – because who knows, your best friend could be in the line at O'Hill or in your Zoom breakout room!

All smiles, Jason A. Class of 2021