

Greetings, Class of 2024!

Welcome to UVA!! A place you will grow to absolutely love, and hate during midterm season, over the next 4 years. I am so glad that you have decided to become a Hoo. I know that this is not the first year, not freshman, that you imagined but there is always a silver lining! If you are learning remotely from home this semester, you dodged a bullet with the communal bathrooms. If you are in on-grounds housing studying remotely, you have avoided the beginning of the year struggle to navigate the UTS bus system.

There are so many amazing faculty, students, and programs/ organizations here at UVA for you to get involved with! One thing that has helped me throughout the years is having someone to go through the motions with. I have been apart of various organizations during my time at the university including: University Dance Club, American Medical Students Association, Air Force ROTC, Black Student Alliance, My Sisters Keeper, and Third Year Council. The great thing about UVA being such a huge university is the fact that there is a place for everyone! I have made so many memories throughout my years here at UVA and outside of my friends, they have all come from one organization or another.

One academic tip that I have for you is to keep in mind that college is different than high school. It is a lot easier to procrastinate or poorly manage your time now that you are away from home. Also, some of your old study habits may not work for you now. I say this all to say be an active learner and study hard, but your mental health is equally as important... it is not the end of the world if you don't get the grade you wanted on your exam! UVA is happy to have you, I hope that you find the organization(s) that suits and your curiosity as a way to become involved. Enjoy your first year. I did not believe it when people told me, but your four years truly fly by before you know it! Welcome, Welcome, Welcome!!

Wahoowa! With Love,

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Class of 2021