Hello, Class of 2024!

Welcome to UVA! Whether you are on Grounds or at home this fall, you are a valuable part of the UVA community. I can't imagine having to enter college during a pandemic and amidst the social injustice in this country, but you are resilient, adaptable, and you are supported by everyone else at UVA. You are welcome, wanted, and you deserve to be here.

This year will undoubtedly look different than in years past, but there is still much to look forward to! I was a transfer student so I did not have the traditional "first-year" experience at UVA either. I am extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to come to UVA, even if I did not have the usual 4 years here, and I am even more grateful for the community I found on Grounds.

We are all impacted by these current circumstances in different ways. Just know, there is a community of thousands of other students who are going through the same pandemic, everyone experiencing it differently, and yet we are all more than willing to connect with you or lend a hand. We are in this together!

For now, make good choices, be kind, and revel in the experience of being a college student. Those four years will go by really fast!

Best wishes, Your friend from the 4th Year Class Class of 2021