

Hello, Class of 2024!

Welcome to UVA! The past few months (whole year) have been incredibly difficult, and transitioning to college at a time like this only compounds the already tough experience. Despite all of this I am fully confident you will still be able to make the most of your time here and truly find a home within the Cavalier Community. Remember that you belong at UVA, and we are all excited to have you here!

Something that I love about UVA is that there are so many different opportunities to get involved and meet new people. One of my favorite engagements on Grounds has been the two years I spent in HRL as an RA. I'll tell you what I always told my residents, GET TO KNOW YOUR RA! We're pretty cool (most of us at least) and we are just a huge walking resource for you. Are you interested in playing Spikeball? Ask your RA how to get involved! You want to found a competitive knitting team here? Talk to your RA! It's 3 am and no one will play Smash with you/? You know who to call (this is the determining factor of coolness in my book). As I look back on my time at the University, I can easily say that many of my best memories (and friends) came from dorm life. Sit up late and chat, get to know your hall, found a bookclub! I know it may not seem like it... but UVA is truly your oyster. Make the most of your time here!

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

Wear a Mask and Go Hoos!

Sincerely,  
Some Old 4<sup>th</sup> Year.  
Class of 2021