

Hello, Class of 2024!

Welcome to UVA! Though this year is probably not how you envisioned spending your first year of college, whether that's on Grounds or at home, I am thoroughly confident that you will find creative and unique ways to thrive during this time. I mean, that's why you're here at UVA; you're resilient like the 2018 men's basketball team. Though outsiders saw it as a historic loss, we grew from it. The next year, we're natty champs! Remember, you belong here and your fellow Hoos are excited to have **you** in the Wahoo family!

One of the many things I like about UVA is the Charlottesville community. There are so many things to do outside of the bounds of grounds. From hiking to Blue Hole, to going to the Downtown mall, to hitting the running/biking trails, there is so much you can do. One way I have engaged with the community is through on-grounds clubs too. At the beginning of my second year I joined Enactus, a social impact consulting club. Helping hard-working individuals in the Charlottesville community as they try to make a difference in the lives of others is extremely rewarding. I am very grateful to have been given the opportunity to not only work with, but develop relationships with such amazing and entrepreneurial people through both SEED and Enactus over the past three years.

I encourage you to take advantage of all the opportunities that come your way. Though this semester is mostly virtual, push yourself to do things that help you grow into a better person. I'm confident that you will find a home at UVA like I did! Best of luck with your first semester and the rest of your years at UVA! Welcome to the Wahoo family!

Best,
A Friend from the Fourth Year Class
Class of 2021