

Hello, Class of 2024!

I want to give you the warmest welcome to UVA! It's a weird time to enter college right now, but I want you all to remember that you are welcome here, and that we will be able to get through this together.

Even though this year will be different, I know you all are still going to be able to make a lot of amazing memories (while being safe)! I tend to find too that the memories you will cherish later on from college are not the glamorous ones, where you dressed up to the nines to some party, but the simple ones where, for example, you laughed so hard that your stomach hurt from something someone said.

Additionally, one of my biggest tips for you, not only for this year but throughout college, is to get out of your comfort zone. It's definitely scary to do so, but I find that some of the best experiences and opportunities I've had at UVA are from trying something new. For example, my first year, I last minute decided to join the Marketing committee at UPC (University Programs Council). After joining, I discovered my interest in graphic design, even though I had no experience before. Getting out of your comfort zone also doesn't have to be joining a club! It can be as simple as messaging a person you feel like you vibe with on Zoom.

Anyways, let's cross our fingers that this situation will be over soon, but in the meantime, I want to wish you the best of luck!

Sincerely,

A Friend from the Fourth Year Class of 2021