

Hey fellow HOO!

Welcome to UVA! I'm sure this is a really hard time to be starting out at college, and I'm sad that you aren't getting the "normal" first year experience. But I'm optimistic that things will be back to "normal" soon enough, and that you'll get the chance to enjoy UVA like I have my past three years!

You have so much to look forward to, enjoy it! If I could go back and give myself some advice first year it would be just to enjoy every moment here at UVA, time flies by so quick. Man I sound old saying that... From dancing to the band at the football games, dying in all of my CS classes, cheering on Kyle Guy to the March Madness Championship, killing wings at Asados with my friends every half-off wine and wings night, gulping down 2 dollar doubles at Bilt survivor hour, picnics on the lawn, raking leaves for Habitat for Humanity every fall, celebrating my 21st birthday during fall finals last December, keg kills at my fraternity house, to streaking with the best friends I've had since first year... I've loved every moment of it.

I know it's a weird, tough semester but try your best to get involved with a club or group here on grounds! I'm in the co-ed engineering fraternity, Theta Tau, and I can honestly say that it's where I've found my people, my family. It took me until second year to find them, but once I did it completely changed my college experience for the better. I'm sure you too will find your people here at UVA. We're so excited to have you!

GO HOOS!

Sincerely,
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