



Olivia, '20

Hometown: Crozet, VA

Major: Business Administration (Marketing)

Personal Interests: I love to write stories (historical-fiction, fantasy, etc.)! I also love to play tennis, go to Broadway in New York City, and watch Netflix.

Campus Involvement: I'm involved in the Honors Program, Emerging Leaders Program, Business Club, and tutor for Philosophy and Writing. I'm also Chief Editor for The Circle.

How I Can Help As Your Peer Mentor: I was just in your shoes last year. This is not your high school (sigh of relief). You will make friends. You will meet new and exciting people. I will be there for you as you go through all these transitions both socially and academically. Have questions? I'll sincerely do my best to answer them. I will also introduce you to many of your peers. Some of my best friends came out of this program. I'm excited to have the opportunity to help give you this experience.

What I Was Nervous About: I was nervous about making friends and classes. I was afraid college was going to be much harder academically than my high school and that I was going to be overwhelmed. But I've found that if I just make the effort to tell my teachers what I hope to achieve in class, they are more than glad to help me reach my goals even if I am struggling. I found that friends were incredibly easier to make - in the first place, this is new for everyone. Everyone wants to make friends and so should you.

What I Was Excited About: I couldn't wait for all the opportunities, like trips to NYC, and hanging out with friends by the river. All of my expectations have come true, and I'm loving it.

Advice for the Class of 2021: Really, relax and don't be afraid. You will be a little nervous for about the first few weeks, but then you will find your stride, I promise. Just remember - nothing is set in stone, everything is fluid. In other words, if you find yourself stuck a little socially or mentally in the beginning, adjusting to a new home (and yes, it will become your home) etc. -- this will pass. Relax!

Enjoy the rest of your summer - and get excited
because you're a Red Fox now!

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