I hope this note finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy this holiday season. Thank you for all you do to support students and families during what has been an unprecedented college admission year. We sincerely appreciate your hard work, thoughtfulness, compassion, care, and support, especially in the coming weeks as students learn of their admission decisions.

Our regional admission teams began reading Early Decision (ED) applications in October and we have completed our review. We plan to release decisions on the evening of Friday, December 11. We are extremely excited about this group of admitted students as they clearly embrace a love for learning, an interest in engaging the world around them, and a deep passion for UVA.

This is our second year of ED, so there is limited historical data to share. Our applications are up 35% compared to last year’s ED applicant pool and we intend to enroll about 25% of the class through ED. The enrollment target of 3,748 for the first year class is the same as last year. It is impossible to predict how many offers we will ultimately make to deferred students, but we do anticipate spaces will be available for some deferred students in our Regular Decision review. While we do not accept additional updates, essays, or recommendations from deferred students we do require that they submit midyear grades no later than February 15. Students can submit self-reported grades in their MyUVA portal or you are welcome to send them to our office or upload them through slate.org.

We hope the statistics below provide some context for the pool and assist in your conversations with students, parents, and school officials. Should you have follow up questions, please feel free to contact our office at any time.

Thank you again for all you do. We are grateful for your partnership and support.

Fall 2020 Early Decision Statistics (Fall 2019 in parentheses)

# ED Applications Received Total: 2937 (2159)
# Virginian Applications Received: 1573 (1165)
# Non-Virginian Applications Received: 1364 (994)

# Students Offered Admission: 965 (748)
# VA Students Offered Admission: 617 (466)
# Non-Virginian Students Offered Admission: 348 (282)

Acceptance Rate overall: 33% (35%)
Virginian Acceptance Rate: 39% (40%)
Non-Virginian Acceptance Rate: 26% (28%)

# Virginians Deferred Admission: 406 (334)
# Non-Virginian Deferred Admission: 375 (236)