March 6, 2013

Dear Students:

Today's snow brings several safety concerns. I am writing to offer some general reminders and to reiterate information about closings.

Safety: First, your best bet is to stay where you are today and not to venture out. Falling tree limbs are especially a hazard, given the heavy weight of this snow. If you do have to go out, please steer clear of trees and do not walk under them. Driving remains treacherous in the Charlottesville area.

Power Outages: We recognize that many areas of the Grounds and surrounding apartments are without power. Dominion is working to restore power as quickly as possible, with hospitals and medical facilities the top priority. On Grounds, most of the outages are concentrated in the first-year residential area, and staff members, including Resident Advisers, are staying in touch with residents. If you live off Grounds, please do not attempt to come to Grounds to access power unless you are certain it is available.

Dining Halls: Newcomb Hall is open, and all dining facilities in Newcomb are serving meals. Runk and O'Hill dining halls are open, but they are serving limited menus because they do not have power.

Recreational Facilities: All recreational facilities are closed today due to power outages.

University Transportation: UTS has suspended service due to the weather conditions.
Medical Emergencies: If you have a medical emergency, please call 911. Student Health and CAPS are closed today.

Updates: All information about closings and student services is being posted on the homepage at www.virginia.edu. This information is continually updated. You will only receive a message through UVaAlerts if a situation presents imminent danger.

Student Affairs Support: If you need assistance, Student Affairs offices in the Rotunda, Peabody Hall, and Newcomb are open today. You may email vpsa@virginia.edu or call 434-924-7984 if you need special assistance. We expect weather conditions to improve soon, but in the meantime please take every precaution to stay safe and to care for one another.

Sincerely,

Patricia M. Lampkin
Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer

Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer Lampkin approved distribution of this message.