CAMPUS LIFE

STUDENT ACTIVITIES
The primary focus of Student Activities is to encourage all students to develop their intellectual, spiritual, cultural, social, vocational, and physical capabilities. The Office of College Activities helps coordinate and promote leadership opportunities and a variety of programs and services to enhance community development at Marist. Organizations include student government, residence hall councils, co-curricular clubs, honoraries, social fraternities, publications, recreation, community service, and a variety of interest groups. These activities are an integral and vital part of the educational life of the college, sharing goals of academic and personal development.

RESIDENCE LIVING
Residing in College housing provides students the opportunity to experience living in a community dedicated to the academic and personal development of each member. College housing is guaranteed for the first two years for all students accepted as resident freshmen.

Residence facilities are an integral part of the College, not only in the size of the resident population, but also in the educational experience which takes place therein. On average, over 70% of full-time undergraduates will live in college housing.

The buildings used for college housing vary in size and character, from the Gartland Commons housing six students per apartment, to the College’s cluster houses holding 34 students each, to the expansiveness of the largest of the College’s high-rise facilities, which can accommodate more than 440 students. The Mid-Rise houses an additional 324 students in suite-style residences.

Talmadge Court Apartments contain 11 apartments housing 37 students. West Cedar Townhouses (O-S) and (T-Y) accommodate 468 students in twelve buildings. The Fulton Street Apartments, to be completed in summer 2005, will house 248 students in single-bedroom townhouses. These apartment facilities have a number of units with space for eight or ten students, including living, dining, and lounging areas. Talmadge Court Apartments, West Cedar Townhouses, and Fulton Street Apartments are located on the east side of Route 9.

In order to provide an environment conducive to academic and personal development, a code of conduct and a corresponding norms structure are strictly enforced. The professional and para-professional staff are responsible for enforcing the code and norms in the residence halls. The Director of Housing coordinates the entire operation of the residence halls; the Resident Directors have the responsibility to manage the daily operations of the residences; Assistant Resident Directors and Resident Assistants have the responsibility of seeing to the smooth running of the designated wings, floors, or apartments, primarily by enforcing the norms, acting as role models and leaders through developmental and recreational programming.
Dining Services
Campus dining services offer high-quality food and beverages and excellent service through retail, residential, and campus catering dining facilities. There is a wide range of excellent dining plan options and venues to meet student needs. The dining plans at Marist College offer the utmost in flexibility and value, with convenient, affordable, customizable options for all students, from resident freshmen to resident upperclass students to commuters.

Dining locations on campus open as early as 7:30 A.M. and close as late as 12:30 A.M. The main dining hall offers a wide variety of freshly prepared meals throughout the day. Retail locations offer convenient prepared meals, made-to-order takeout, and everything you would expect and more from an excellent food court and convenience store. Campus catering is also available for student groups, residence halls, and special events throughout the academic year.

For inquiries or information, please feel free to contact our Dining Services Office at (845) 575-5100 or visit www.maristdining.com. Managers are on staff seven days per week to answer your questions.

For those students residing in campus housing without kitchen facilities, participation in a dining plan is required.

RECREATION

Athletics
Marist’s spacious campus includes a number of athletic facilities. On the south end of campus is the James J. McCann Recreation Center. This recreational facility was opened in 1977 and is the focal point for the majority of our athletic teams. The $3 million renovation and addition to the facility, completed in September 1997, has made the McCann Center one of the most state-of-the-art facilities in the East. Adjacent to the McCann Center is the McCann Baseball Field and practice field. The college is about to begin renovations to the waterfront and, when completed, the renovated area will include a riverfront park. This scenic park will feature picnic areas, a beach, hiking and biking trails, a walkway along the river’s edge, and spectacular views up and down the river. The park will be developed around Marist’s two boathouses and will include improved facilities for the Marist crew teams. Docks will also be available for non-motorized craft. The park will serve Marist students as a recreational area. Leonidoff Field is a stadium that provides seating for over 3,000 for home soccer, lacrosse, and football contests. The Gartland Commons Playing Fields are located behind the Gartland Commons. This ten-acre area serves as intramural fields for the students. The newest additions are the varsity baseball field and practice field adjacent to the McCann Center.

In December of 2000 a new sports medicine facility opened its doors, offering Red Fox athletes the best treatment available with top technological advances in equipment and modalities. This addition was made possible through a generous donation from Team Physician and Orthopedist Dr. Michael Maynard. A 500-square-foot taping and equipment room in addition to a 1,600-square-foot treatment center is located at the back of the McCann Center.

Along with the sports medicine facility, a 1,600-square-foot academic area opened its doors on the second floor of the McCann Center. This area houses the Director of Academic Advisement for Student-Athletes and her staff and provides the athletes a state-of-the-art academic complex. This center is also used extensively for the NCAA CHAMPS/Life Skills Program which began in the Fall of 2001.

Marist offers a comprehensive intercollegiate athletic program. Men’s varsity teams are offered in football, soccer, cross country, baseball, basketball, swimming and diving, crew, track and field, tennis, and lacrosse. Women’s varsity teams are offered in volleyball, tennis, cross country, softball, basketball, track and field, crew, soccer, water polo, swimming and diving, and lacrosse. All of the varsity teams participate at the NCAA Division I level.

Numerous club sports are offered including ice hockey, skiing, rugby, cheerleading, men’s volleyball, racquetball, and equestrian.

The intramural program offers a variety of activities including basketball, volleyball, softball, flag football, soccer, racquetball, and aquatic competitions.

Throughout all levels of the physical education and athletics programs, the College emphasizes the physical, social, and recreational benefits to be gained through active participation. With these educational values in mind, the College fosters a program that encourages as broad a student participation as possible in the physical education programs as well as in the intercollegiate, intramural, and club sports offered.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT, CLUBS, AND ORGANIZATIONS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA)
The Student Government Association (SGA) is responsible for student government at Marist College. SGA strives to maintain a positive working relationship with all groups and members within the College Community through its clear articulation of student concerns, issues, and priorities. The SGA office is located in Student Center 347. The responsibilities of the SGA are:

1. Representing the student voice by making decisions, which affect the entire campus or any one student group or organization.
2. Enhancing communication between students and college administration.
3. Granting or removing charters of clubs and organizations.
4. Appointing students to positions on the Executive and Judicial Boards and campus-wide committees.
5. Appointment, guidance, and oversight of the Financial Board. The Financial Board is responsible for appropriations to student activities funds for clubs and organizations.

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT
The Student Body President acts as a student ombudsman who represents the interests and opinions of the student body to the college administration. In addition, he/she presents the views of the administration and faculty to the Student Body while striving to maintain mutual cooperation and understanding among students, faculty, and administration. The Student Body President acts to protect the rights of students and strives to make the Marist Community a place where people live and work with respect for each other. The Student Body President is responsible for investigating
problems, complaints, and issues affecting students. The Student Body President serves as the Chair for Student Senate and Executive Board SGA meetings and is the student representative to the Board of Trustees.

SGA consists of three branches of government: the Executive Branch (Executive Board), Legislative Branch (Student Senate), and the Judicial Branch (Judicial Board).

**EXECUTIVE BRANCH (EXECUTIVE BOARD)**
The Executive Branch serves as an advisory board to the SGA President. The positions on the Executive Branch are appointed by the Student Body President and are confirmed by the Student Senate (Legislative Branch). The positions consist of: the Student Body Vice President, Executive Secretary, Director of Public Relations, Chief Financial Officer, Vice President for Student Life, Vice President for Student Programming, Vice President for Clubs, Vice President for Academics, Vice President for Athletic Affairs, Elections Commissioner, and Parliamentarian.

**Council of Clubs** is the total number of clubs and organizations recognized by SGA. There are six advisory councils including Co-curricular, Greek, Honorary/Professional, Production/Performance, Social/Service, and Sports.

**Financial Board** is responsible for the oversight of the distribution of the Student Activities Fee to chartered clubs and organizations. Financial board members are appointed by the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and approved by the Student Senate. In addition to the CFO, the Financial Board has an Assistant to the CFO, four appointed students, and one college administrator appointed by the Vice President for Student Affairs.

**Public Relations** is responsible for disseminating information from the Student Government Association to the Marist Community. Public Relations utilizes all campus media outlets: Marist College radio, TV, and campus newspaper. In addition, Public Relations is responsible for press releases, polling, and designing flyers for SGA-sponsored events.

**Student Academic Council (SAC)** establishes firm lines of communication between the academic schools and the student body and explores avenues of curricular growth and development. Students are able to voice their concerns and/or suggestions through their SAC school representative in reference to academic programs, proposals, and changes in curriculum.

**Student Life Council (SLC)** consists of members from each of the resident and commuter student councils. The SLC promotes activities to provide unity among commuter and residence students. The SLC consists of members elected from each residence area and from the commuter population.

**Student Programming Council (SPC)** provides quality programming and entertainment to students and the Marist Community. SPC programming includes a variety of lectures, performing arts, comedy nights, coffeehouses, novelty performances, Broadway Trips to NYC, and major concerts. SPC Executive Board is responsible for program selection, marketing, advertising, ticket sales, and promotions. SPC membership is open to all.

**LEGISLATIVE BRANCH (STUDENT SENATE)**
The Legislative Branch is responsible for all SGA legislation. The Legislative Branch, also referred to as The Senate, meets on a weekly basis to decide on approving SGA operations, appointments to SGA positions, and to act upon campus-wide student initiatives. The Legislative Branch consists of the four duly elected class presidents representing the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes, four campus-wide elected resident student senators, and two campus-wide elected commuter student senators. Legislative members may be appointed to campus-wide committees and are able to chair SGA committees.

**JUDICIAL BRANCH**
The Judicial Branch is responsible for administering all hearings concerning and pertaining to student governance with the exception of cases involving suspension, dismissal from college, or criminal charges. The Judicial Branch consists of the Chief Justice, one commuter and one resident student appointee, two students elected campus-wide, one appointed administrator (by the Office of Student Affairs on a case-by-case basis), and one faculty member. In addition, the Judicial Branch is responsible for the management of student parking appeals.

**HONOR SOCIETIES**
Marist maintains a strong affiliation with national honorary societies. The College has active chapters with Alpha Chi (all disciplines), Alpha Delta Sigma (Advertising), Alpha Phi Sigma (Criminal Justice), Alpha Sigma Lambda (Part-time Students), Beta Alpha Psi (Accounting), Beta Gamma Sigma (Business Administration), Lambda Pi Eta (Communications), Phi Alpha Theta (History), Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science), Psi Chi (Psychology), Sigma Delta Pi (Hispanic), Sigma Tau Delta (English), and Sigma Zeta (Science and Mathematics). Student’s induction to these honorary societies is based on the standards of academic merit and accomplishment.

**STUDENT SERVICES**

**Campus Ministry**
Campus Ministry seeks to provide for the religious and spiritual needs of all members of the Marist Community, which includes students of many faith traditions. The staff and the students who are active in planning Campus Ministry programs encourage all on campus to take part in social justice programs, volunteer efforts, prayer groups, discussions, retreats, and social activities sponsored by Campus Ministry.

Two Catholic Masses are celebrated on Sundays and four weekdays in the Seat of Wisdom Chapel. Interfaith services are held there or at other sites on campus. Clergy of various traditions are invited to campus, and the staff networks with local churches and synagogues to provide opportunities for students to attend services.

The Campus Ministry center on the south side of campus is Byrne House, located behind Champagnat. The Ministry Center for the north campus is in Kirk House. Students and other members of the Marist Community are welcome there at any time.
STUDENT HEALTH

The College maintains a Health Service located in the Student Center, Rm. 350. It is staffed by Registered Nurses, Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 9:30 P.M., and on Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 noon until 4:30 P.M. The campus physician is available to see patients, by appointment.

Overnight care is not available.

Health Services provides treatment for a variety of health problems such as acute illness and injuries. Additional services provided include flu vaccination, blood pressure checks, allergy injections, suture removal, and health education and counseling. A gynecological clinic is available, by appointment, one day a week. This clinic provides gynecological care, testing, and counseling. Consultations and referrals to off-campus health-care providers are also provided.

This plan is intended to provide supplemental coverage to existing parental or individual health plans. All medical services beyond those which are provided by the Health Services Office and the Marist/St. Francis Health Plan are the personal responsibility of the student.

When a medical problem of an emergency nature arises after Health Services hours, a resident student should contact the Resident Assistant or Resident Director to assure that the proper medical attention is acquired.

Please Note: New York State Law requires that all full-time and part-time students born on or after January 1, 1957 show proof of immunity against measles, mumps, and rubella. Students who have not provided proof of immunity to Health Services will not be allowed to register for classes or reside in the residence halls.

COUNSELING SERVICES

The Marist College Counseling Center is dedicated to the provision of quality psychological services to our students. Our mission evolves from that of the College and the Division of Student Affairs: staff at the Center believes that intellectual and personal growth are inseparable and vital to the realization of the individual’s full potential. The three essential functions of the Counseling Center are the provision of counseling, and preventative and developmental programs for the campus. Specific services include individual counseling, referrals, and workshops or training presentations. Examples of the latter include programs on relationships, stress, eating disorders, depression, interpersonal violence, and alcohol education. Special interest programs can also be created based on student need.

For personal counseling, students are encouraged to phone ext. 2152 or come to Byrne (behind Champagnat Hall) to arrange an appointment. At that point a counselor will be assigned and an appointment time set.

The first session with a counselor is usually spent in a thorough exploration of the student’s presenting problem as well as other areas of the student’s life that are likely to be affected. A determination is then made as to how best to meet the needs of the student: by a referral to another resource or by continuing to meet with one of our staff counselors. There is no charge for any services offered in the Counseling Center, nor is there a fixed number of sessions beyond which a student cannot be seen. However, due to limits of staff time and the academic calendar, counseling tends to be short-term.

The Counseling Center also provides confidential advocacy and support services to survivors of sexual or relationship violence.

Any information given in counseling, as well as the fact that the student has been seen at the Center, is kept strictly confidential. Disclosure to any person or agency requires prior permission of the student. However, should the life or safety of the student or someone else be in imminent danger, the counselor may be obligated to notify appropriate persons.

Other activities with which the Counseling Center is involved include the College’s annual Wellness Fair, sexual and relationship violence-prevention education, and critical incident debriefing. For information on any of these topics, call extension 2152.

FIRST YEAR PROGRAMS ORIENTATION

Orientation is the initial step to the first year experience at Marist. The program is designed specifically to help new students begin a successful academic and personal transition to college. Our motto is “The End Depends on the Beginning!” We educate students about the wealth of opportunities at Marist from the moment they step on campus. First Year Mentors, with the assistance of student orientation leaders, ensure that students and parents are informed about the resources available and the ongoing student support. Our one-day Orientation sessions take place during the first two weeks in June for students beginning in the fall semester and in January for students beginning in the spring semester.

JUDICIAL AFFAIRS

The Office of Judicial Affairs is responsible for developing and administering a Code of Student Conduct that supports the College’s values, goals, and priorities. Marist College is committed to providing an environment that promotes academic learning, institutional and personal integrity, justice, and equality. The College considers all Marist students as partners in the responsibility of creating and maintaining that environment.

Utilizing an educational philosophy, the program informs students of their responsibilities as members of the community; involves students, faculty, and staff in administering the judicial process; and assists all members of the campus community to live and learn in an environment that is orderly, peaceful, and supportive of individual growth and development.

The Code of Student Conduct is distributed to all entering students. Copies are also available in Judicial Affairs, the Housing and Residential Life Office, Student Affairs, Student Government Association, and the Library. In addition, this document is on-line at the following address: www.marist.edu/campuslife/judicialaffairs/. Amendments to the Code of Student Conduct are made via the above-mentioned website. Although changes are rare, students are responsible for the information contained in this document. Therefore, students are advised to check this website on a regular basis for the latest information.
PUBLICATIONS

The Student Handbook:
Annual publication.
The Student Code of Conduct
The Course Schedule:
-A publication listing course offerings for the coming semester, published twice each year, Spring and Fall, prior to early registration week.
The Reynard:
Marist College Yearbook.
The Circle:
Weekly campus newspaper.
The Marist Journal of History:
Publication of Mu Zeta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta.
The Mosaic:
-An arts and literary magazine published once or more each year by the student body, containing contributions from students, faculty, and staff.

OFFICE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY

SECURITY SERVICES
The Office of Safety and Security at Marist College provides a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week service to the College Community, its visitors, and guests. The Safety and Security Office works as a liaison with local fire, police, and rescue agencies. Among the many services this office provides are as follows:
(1) Escort of students to and from dormitories and classroom buildings during hours of darkness.
(2) Motor vehicle, motorcycle registration and issuance of parking permits.
(3) Key issuance, maintenance, and registration.
(4) Fire alarm and equipment maintenance and fire drills in accordance with New York State law.
(5) All officers have Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification and are NYS Certified Security Officers.
(6) Lost and Found Department.

The Advisory Committee on Campus Safety will provide upon request all campus crime statistics as reported to the United States Department of Education. Marist College’s annual campus crime information can be found at http://ope.ed.gov/security/search.asp or http://www.marist.edu/security/student.html or by calling the Office of Safety Security.

The Office of Safety and Security is located in Donnelly Hall, Room 201, and can be reached by calling (845) 575-3000, ext. 2282 or (845) 471-1822. In emergency only, dial 5555.

PARKING & VEHICLE REGISTRATION POLICY
The Office of Safety and Security is responsible for the implementation of the parking and vehicle registration policy and the enforcement of its provisions. There is no charge for parking permits.

In order to facilitate traffic flow on Marist College property and to ensure unimpeded emergency response to the needs of the College Community the following policies have been established:

Permits
Parking on campus is limited to those vehicles registered with the Office of Safety and Security and to which a Marist College parking permit has been issued. Vehicles without permits are subject to towing at the owner’s expense.
All vehicles must be registered for the current school year.
When applying for parking permits the following documents are required:
a. Driver’s license
b. Vehicle registration
Marist College provides handicapped parking spaces throughout the campus. A student must have 30 credits or more to be considered a sophomore. Only vehicles exhibiting official state handicapped plates or official local government handicapped parking permits will be permitted to park in the handicapped parking spaces. The official plates and permits are recognized only when the operator of the vehicle is the individual to whom the plates/permits are assigned. It should be noted that handicapped parking rules are enforced by the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department as well as Marist College Security.

Freshman resident students are not permitted to have a car on campus. (Freshmen students have earned less than 30 credits. A student must have 30 credits or more to be considered a sophomore.) Any exceptions must be approved by the Director of Safety and Security.

Resident Student Parking
There is a limited number of parking spaces on campus. Requests for parking permits will be approved on a space-available basis. Students are not guaranteed a parking space in the parking lot closest to their residence hall or townhouse.

Commuter Student Parking
Commuter student parking is limited to Beck Place and McCann. After 5:30 p.m. on class nights, commuter students may park in staff lots on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Visitor Parking
Visitor parking is permitted by display of a visitor’s parking pass issued by the Office of Safety and Security. Visitor’s parking areas are reserved for the use of off-campus visitors only. Please check in at the Office of Safety and Security, Donnelly Hall.
PARKING RESTRICTIONS
In addition to the above, the following parking restrictions apply:

Parking is not permitted in areas other than marked parking spaces. Parking in restricted areas subjects the vehicle to traffic citations, “booting,” and towing at the owner’s expense. Restricted areas include, but are not limited to, fire zones, no-parking areas, crosswalks, fire hydrants, handicapped zones, restricted-permit parking areas, and grass areas.

With the exception of resident-student parking areas, overnight parking is not permitted. PARKING ON ROADS OR SHOULDERS OF ROADS IS PROHIBITED.

Violations may result in the vehicle being “booted” (immobilized) or towed. Fines must be paid at the Business Office within 10 days of issue. A schedule of parking violation fines can be obtained from the Office of Safety and Security.

Violations of this parking policy may result in revocation of parking privileges.

PARKING APPEALS
The Student Government Association (SGA) has a parking appeals process in place. Appeal forms may be obtained at the SGA Office or the Office of Safety & Security. All appeals decisions are FINAL.