

## Carly, '19

Hometown: Simsbury, CT

Transferred to Marist: Fall 2016

Major: Biomedical Sciences

**Personal Interests:** I am an avid gym goer, enjoy watching and playing most sports, very dedicated to healthy eating, and love American history and politics.

**Campus Involvement:** I am involved in Campus Ministry, the Republican Club, a Transfer Advisory Board member, and research-related activities (hiking, caving, etc.).

How I Can Help As Your Peer Mentor (and Former Transfer Student): I was happy at my old school, so transferring to somewhere pretty unknown terrified me. I know its scary to start over, I am here to help make it easier by offering much needed support and a friendly face while you find your niche here!

What I Was Nervous About: I thought it was going to be hard to come into a new school not being a freshman, but also being new to Marist. It turns out that everyone is really inviting, whether it be the transfer community was really inviting here, the incoming freshman, and all of the upperclassmen.

What I Was Excited About: I transferred to Marist because I needed to be pushed out of my comfort zone. I was really excited to break out of the mold I had created for myself, and Marist was the perfect place to do it.

Advice for an Incoming Transfer Student: Come in with an open and positive attitude. Like everything in life, it is what you make it. You can't expect it to be great and not do anything to make it great. Similarly, coming in with a negative attitude can be detrimental to your experience here. Get involved and stay positive!

What is it like to be a transfer student at Marist? I never felt out of place here. The amazing transfer community here helped me feel like I had a safe place from day one. Because of the support, I felt confident at Marist from day one and got involved in the things I really cared about.

I can't wait to meet you this Fall!

