

Caroline, '20

Hometown: Fairfield, CT

Major: Communications (Journalism)

Personal Interests: I enjoy acting, singing, dancing, drawing, painting, writing, performing, public speaking, and watching Netflix.

Campus Involvement: I'm involved with Marist College TV, Marist College Club of Theatre Arts, Red Ink Club, Odyssey, Marist Toastmasters, and Marist Singers.

How I Can Help As Your Peer Mentor: I am more than willing to listen to you and help you get through this new transition in life when you need it most. I will help you familiarize yourself with the new buildings, figure out which clubs to join, make new friends if you are too shy, or anything else that you need to talk to someone else about. College is not as tough as it seems in the end.

What I Was Nervous About: I was more nervous about what new people I would meet and what it would be like to be on my own for more than three weeks at a time. The things that I was most nervous about were little things, since I have learned to be a lot more independent.

What I Was Excited About: I could not wait to spread my wings and follow my passions, such as theatre and film, while discovering new passions, such as art and writing personal stories about myself.

Advice for the Class of 2021: Do not be afraid to try something new! Just because someone may not share the same interests as you, or even hang out with the same people as you, does not mean that you won't get along with them. College is all about trying out new things and going out of your comfort zone. Take advantage of all of the opportunities that surround you sooner rather than later. If you see a student sitting alone in the dining hall, do not be afraid to sit next to them and talk to them. If you want to join a new and interesting club that you did not join in high school, then join it! Remember that every other freshman is in the same boat as you. They are all nervous about being away from home, making their way around campus, new professors, the amount of work, the social life, etc.

I cannot wait to meet all of you this fall!

