

Melissa, '20

Hometown: New City, NY

Major: Fashion Merchandizing

Personal Interests: I enjoy fashion, makeup, food, and

traveling.

Campus Involvement: I'm involved in the Naturally Foxy Club, Campus Ministry, and take Pilates classes.

How I Can Help As Your Peer Mentor: Being on your own for the first time is something that is really scary. It is definitely a huge transition on your social and academic life. I can help you by introducing you to new people as well as helping you get involved in new activities and showing you the many academic help centers Marist has to offer.

What I Was Nervous About: The thing I was most nervous about was making and being a part of a friend group. I realized that by leaving the door to my room open, people on my floor would come in and say hi. That's how I met my best friend! Also, by smiling to people that you recognize will make them more inclined to start a conversation with you!

What I Was Excited About: Since I came to Marist undecided with what I wanted to do, I was excited to see what I would wind up choosing for my major! By talking to my advisor and through the FOCUS program, I was able to make my decision to be in Fashion and I couldn't be happier!

Advice for the Class of 2021: Do what you can to get involved on campus! Joining cool clubs and trying new sports are a great way to meet new people and make life long friends. A neat tip is that studying with friends is a smart way to be studious and social at the same time!

Enjoy your Summer and welcome to the Red Fox family!

