

Missy, '20

Hometown: Cliffside Park, NJ

Major: Political Science

Personal Interests: I love exploring New York City, watching Grey's Anatomy and Criminal Minds with my friends, and love listening to my favorite musicians like Ed Sheeran and Taylor Swift.

Campus Involvement: I'm involved in the Honors Program, Campus Ministry, Relay for Life, Pre-Law Club, Toastmasters, Institute of Public Opinion, and NSLS.

How I Can Help As Your Peer Mentor: The first month and a half of school, I had a difficult time transitioning from high school to college. However, being apart of the peer mentor program helped me to realize all the resources and where to access these resources whenever I needed help. I can help show you these resources as well as other programs Marist has to offer and make you more comfortable adapting to college.

What I Was Nervous About: When first starting at Marist, I was really nervous about leaving my solid group of friends behind and having to find friends to make my group. However, Marist offers so many programs during Welcome Week and throughout the year that it was easy to find friends.

What I Was Excited About: Although I'm less than two hours away from home, I was very excited about being on my own and growing my independence. I had to balance my time between homework, clubs, work, and friends without having my parents there to tell me what to do. It was scary at times, but it made me more mature and feel more responsible!

Advice for the Class of 2021: Do not be scared! Breathe. Everyone is new to college and just as nervous as you are whether they show it or not. Be friendly and do not be afraid to reach out to people you briefly met either to grab lunch or watch a movie—they may just become your best friend!

Welcome to the Red Fox Family! I cannot wait to meet you in the fall!

