

## Olivia, '19

Hometown: New York, NY

Transferred to Marist: Spring 2016

Major: Criminal Justice / Spanish

**Personal Interests:** I enjoy playing volleyball, listening to music, community service, travelling, and photography.

**Campus Involvement:** I am involved in Campus Ministry, the Criminal Justice Society, and the Criminal Justice Honors Society.

How I Can Help As Your Peer Mentor (and Former Transfer Student): When I first transferred to Marist, I was very shy. As someone who is occasionally timid, I will encourage you to talk to as many people as you can. Furthermore, I am a great listener and will always be there if you need to talk about anything.

**What I Was Nervous About:** I was afraid that everyone would have already formed their friend groups and were not willing to meet new people. As it turns out, I was very wrong. Everyone was very friendly and were willing to help me if I needed anything.

What I Was Excited About: I was excited to start fresh and branch out. I had a set group of friends at my old school and didn't bother trying to associate with anyone else, so I was excited to meet other people. Also, I wanted to get to know my professors more.

Advice for an Incoming Transfer Student: Don't be afraid to talk to new people and take advantage of joining clubs! At first it may be nerve-wracking, but it is the easiest way to make friends.

What is it like to be a transfer student at Marist? Being a transfer student at Marist College is no different from any other student. Whether you are a transfer or not, everyone treats each other as equals.

I hope you have a fantastic and relaxing summer and I hope you're as excited as I am for the fall!

