

## Syndie, '20

Hometown: Norwalk, CT

Major: Business Administration (Human Resources)

**Personal Interests:** I enjoy almost anything arts-related (painting / watercolor, art journaling, collaging, etc.). I also enjoy spending time with friends and family, listening to music, and working out.

**Campus Involvement:** I'm involved in Campus Ministry, Residence Hall Council, Fox P.A.W, Femme, and Circle K.

How I Can Help As Your Peer Mentor: I was worried I was going to struggle in my classes and with the overall college workload. However, I can tell you it is not as tough as I originally thought so can I give you a few tips and tricks to help you stay organize and on top of your course load through out the semester. However, that is not the only thing I am here for, so do not hesitate to come to me with any issues or concerns you might have.

What I Was Nervous About: I was nervous that no one I knew was going to Marist so I was super nervous about making friends and fitting in. But when I realized that everyone else was also nervous about making friends it was a lot easier to introduce myself to people. Plus, joining different clubs, intramural sports and talking to my floor mates definitely helped as well.

What I Was Excited About: I was excited about getting outside of my comfort zone. I knew that a new school and new environment meant new friends and new adventures. Plus, everyone says that college is the best four years of your life so I could not wait to experience it all!

Advice for the Class of 2021: Get involved immediately! Marist is filled with so many different clubs and organizations that you are bound to find the group that you connect with and friends that will make your freshman year even better. Also, try not to be nervous. I know, easier said than done but just remember that everyone is in the same boat as you!

Enjoy the last few months with your friends and family and see you soon!

