



## **Ava, '20**

**Hometown:** Farmington, NY

**Major:** Business Administration (Human Resources)

**Personal Interests:** I love dogs and all animals. I also enjoy yoga, Pilates, watching reality TV shows, and eating.

**Campus Involvement:** I'm involved in Residence Hall Council, Campus Ministry, Naturally Foxy, Business Club, and the Emerging Leaders Program. I'm also an interviewer at the Marist Poll.

**How I Can Help As Your Peer Mentor:** I had fears coming into college, such as academics becoming overwhelming, not making friends, and even not having anyone to go the dining hall with during my first week. I was in your shoes, and as a peer mentor, I will be here to give you advice about how to get involved and adjusted to your college experience. I will be here to remind you that Marist is such a great community, and no matter what adversity you may be facing, there will always be a solution.

**What I Was Nervous About:** When I first came to Marist, I was nervous about my professors being extremely difficult. However, I realized that professors at Marist truly do care about you and can be your greatest mentors and allies if you take the time to get to know them. I was also nervous about living with a roommate, as this was something completely new to me. However, even though things may be difficult at first, you will find that Marist is very accommodating. If your roommate is not your best friend, there is no need to worry!

**What I Was Excited About:** When I first came to Marist, I was excited to finally have the opportunity to completely take charge and shape my future. Marist has so many amazing resources and opportunities and I could not wait to try new things, and learn about myself.

**Advice for the Class of 2021:** Marist is a place where everyone can truly embrace who they are, so do not be afraid to be yourself! You will find that life at Marist is so much more than academics, and you will be able to see yourself growing into the person you always wanted to be by getting involved on campus, participating in things you are passionate about, and trying new things. Also, do not be afraid to branch out and meet new people, a simple smile and hello can go a long way!

**I can't wait to meet you! Go Red Foxes!!**

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