



Leslie, '20

Hometown: Flushing, NY

Major: Computer Science

Personal Interests: My hobbies include creative writing, writing code, playing video games, daydreaming, and napping.

Campus Involvement: I'm involved in FoxPride, Purple Thread, Computer Society, and Campus Ministry. I enjoy getting involved in the local community.

How I Can Help As Your Peer Mentor: I was in your shoes before and I can show you the gist of things before anyone else! Plus you get to meet new people while you do it! I'll help you through your problems and help you get used to being away from home.

What I Was Nervous About: When I first started college, I was afraid that I was going to be homesick right away. That did happen, but I could always go back home to see my family once in a while. To combat that, I had friends and professors help me and sure enough, I'm just as happy here as if I had never left home.

What I Was Excited About: I was so excited to make new friends here and get out of my comfort zone as rural Poughkeepsie is nothing like my urban city life. There is so much to do and you are never bored when you have friends by your side!

Advice for the Class of 2021: You are not alone. Everyone is on the same page as you and they are just as nervous as you are. So, don't be afraid to reach out and make friends, get to know your professors, check out where your classes are going to be before you get lost again, explore. Get comfortable and get going!

Enjoy your summer and get ready for the Fall!

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