



Michael, '19

Hometown: Farmington, CT

Transferred to Marist: Fall 2016

Major: Finance

Personal Interests: I enjoy exercising, playing basketball, and following the NBA.

Campus Involvement: I am involved in Kappa Sigma (fraternity), the Investment Club, and Enactus.

How I Can Help As Your Peer Mentor (and Former Transfer Student): I am open to you whenever you guys need advice. I have transferred twice, so I completely understand the experience and hope to ease your transition. I can help you set yourself on the path of living the life you desire here at Marist.

What I Was Nervous About: I was nervous about the fact I knew absolutely nobody. I knew it would come with time but what made me most nervous was I didn't know how long this time would be. Coming in as a sophomore is a lot different than a freshman, and there is a misconception that groups are closed off by sophomore year.

What I Was Excited About: I was excited to really start myself fresh again after my first college experience and go out and do what I felt held me back at my old school. I was excited to meet new people and begin to call Marist my home.

Advice for an Incoming Transfer Student: Be active during your first week, and take advantage of programs. Make friendships with older and experienced students. Go with an open mind, and don't limit yourself, or set boundaries. This isn't new to you, so come in with confidence and get involved with campus events.

What is it like to be a transfer student at Marist? Being a transfer student can be extremely difficult and overwhelming. You may feel like a small fish in a ocean but it improves if you keep at everything and don't lose hope.

Transferring to Marist was the best decision of my life, take the leap and I promise you, it will be worth it.

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