



## Will, '20

**Hometown:** Webster, NY

**Major:** Communication (Journalism & Sports Comm.)

**Personal Interests:** I enjoy writing, sports radio, music, movies, and any kind of sports.

**Campus Involvement:** I am involved in WMAR Radio Club, Campus Ministry, National Residence Hall Honor Society, Intramural Basketball, Student Programming Council, and the National Society of Leadership and Success.

**How I Can Help As Your Peer Mentor:** I started at Marist as the kid terrified to leave high school and start something new and unfamiliar. I loved my high school. I loved my classmates and friends, and I still do! I did not want to leave the life I had led and become accustomed to over the first 18 years of my life. I have been in that position before, but at the end of my freshman year, I wasn't ready to go home. That's how great the year and the experience turned out to be. I didn't think it would, and you may not either (not yet). I can help you weather those fears and that mini storm, because I swear, it won't last.

**What I Was Nervous About:** I was terrified that my high school teachers warnings ("You think this is hard? Wait until college.") would come to be spot on, and I would be unable to stay caught up with my work. However, I built myself a schedule where I organized my work, my clubs, and my leisure time, and it turned out to be a much less stressful time. You have a lot of time, and if you balance everything, you will be successful.

**What I Was Excited About:** As a sports radio fanatic, and someone who wants to be a sports radio personality, I was excited to join radio club. I wanted to emulate what the guys on ESPN do every day with my own content and my friends. I found that that club was just the beginning of the awesome clubs Marist has to offer. Any interest, any field, any type of person: there's a club for you.

**Advice for the Class of 2021:** You absolutely have to get involved. Without something to do, you will drive yourself crazy. Stepping outside of your comfort zone, or your dorm in a more literal sense, can be scary, because you aren't sure what that new, scary realm will offer you. But if you join clubs, build intramural teams, and become active in those clubs and teams whether it be on a board member basis or just as an active participating member, you will find that you have officially begun adjusting to college life.

Whether you are excited, nervous, terrified, or just plain ready, I'm here to guide you through your freshman year. Can't wait to meet you in the Fall, enjoy your summer!

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