



Meet The Primers

A Primer is a student leader who will serve as an Orientation guide and support you throughout the academic year. During Orientation, every first year student and foundation transfer student will be assigned to a Primer who will accompany you to sessions, answer questions and help you transition to the MassArt community. Primers represent a wide range of academic disciplines and are extremely resourceful. They are excited about getting to know you and assisting you in any way they can. Each student will be placed in a group of about 18 incoming students that is led by a Primer during Orientation.

Meet the Primer Staff:

Lead Primers 2019

Riley Cady



Hi! My name is Riley Cady (she/they) and I'm from Rochester, NY. I'm a senior in illustration who loves to watch paint dry! My favorite part of MassArt is the community.

Kate Costello



Hi there! My name is Kate, (she/her/hers), I'm a senior in animation at MassArt, and one of your lead primers. When I'm not making films about dogs, you can find me eating an everything bagel with veggie cream cheese, taking care of plants, or drinking abhorrent amounts of water (stay hydrated, friends). My favorite part about MassArt are the super-amazing incredibly-mind-blowingly talented community and the friends I've made here. It's amazing to see everyone's work and watch them grow and see the process and work itself develop! All of us here are super excited to welcome you into this amazing community, and can't wait to see what you make!

Brendan Kenny



My name is Brendan (he/him/his)! This is my second year as a Lead Primer and I am a senior in fibers from Malden, MA! My favorite color is pink! I love renaissance art, citrus fruit and Kate Bush. Also, I work at a hat shop. My favorite parts of MassArt are the community I've found, the weaving studio and orientation (duh). Excited to meet the Class of 2023!!

Callie Mastrianni



Hi everyone! My name's Callie (she/her/hers) and I'm very excited to be one of your leads this year!! I'm from Hamilton, Massachusetts and I'm heading into my last semester as a double major in illustration and ceramics. I love strawberries, chicken pot pie, a chunky clog, Julia Louis Dreyfus and a sensible tote bag. My favorite thing about MassArt is my homey studio spaces next to all my pals, our beautiful sweet city and how easy it is to catch a Red Sox game!

Primers 2019

Hazel Afamefuna



Pronouns: she/her/hers

Hometown: Attleboro, MA

Major: Architectural Design

Class Year: 2021

Fun Fact: Two of my favorite female Artists are Nina Simone and Amy Winehouse

My favorite thing about MassArt is how the faculty, staff and students support one another

Vincent Barry



Pronouns: he/him/his

Hometown: Ashburnham, MA

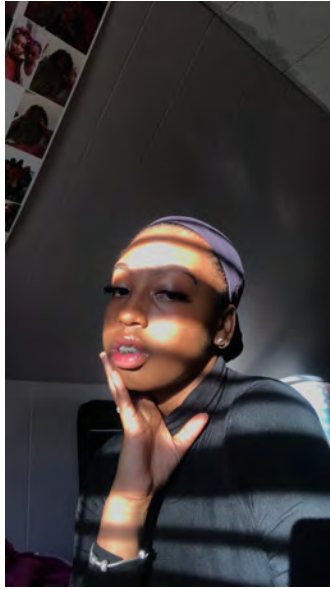
Major: Sculpture

Class Year: 2020

Fun fact: I wear steeltoes everyday

My favorite thing about MassArt is the student organization Iron Corps

Riana Bastien



Pronouns: she/her/hers

Hometown: Brockton, MA

Major: Fashion Design

Class Year: 2021

Fun Fact: I really love my dog

Favorite Thing About MassArt: The community

Daniel Berube



My name is Daniel Berube (he/him/his) and I am a Junior studying Communication Design from Colchester, CT. While I am studying Design, I also am a freelance portrait photographer and enjoy traveling and finding unique places. My favorite thing about MassArt is the people I have met as well as the location and resources the school has to offer.

Camila Bohan Insurrealde



Hi, My name is Camila (she/her/hers). I'm from Buenos Aires Argentina and Miami FL. I'm a dual major in painting and SIM so if you have any questions about dual majoring please reach out! I just adopted a kitten named Goya and she's the love of my life. My favorite thing about MassArt is the CACP office and the wonderful community connection I've made through their PartnershipWORKS program.

Zayra Campos



Pronouns: she/her/hers

Hometown: Boca Raton, Florida

Major: History of Art

Class Year: 2019 (December)

Fun Fact: I'm related to ex-President of Brazil, João Goulart, who was overthrown with the help of the US government in 1964

My favorite thing about MassArt is how easy it is to connect with people with shared interests.

Lauren Comerato



Pronouns: she/her/hers

Hometown: Framingham, MA

Major: Art Education & Fibers

Class Year: 2020

Fun Fact: I can and will perform a one-woman version of the musical "Hamilton"

My favorite thing about MassArt is having a studio space where you can collaborate and interact with other artists in your major!

Zoe Cronin



Hello Class of 2023!! My name is Zoe (she/her/hers), I'm from Wayne, New Jersey and I'm a junior majoring in Art Education with a minor in Sustainability. My favorite thing I've learned at MassArt is weaving and I will be studying abroad in India this fall semester! Can't wait to meet you all!

Elizabeth Derby



Hello! I'm Elizabeth (she/her/hers). I'm from Larchmont, NY and I'm a junior in Illustration. I'm a big fan of bagels, fun socks, gouache and all things floral. My favorite thing about MassArt has to be the amazing artists I've met along the way and have been lucky enough to call my friends! Super excited to meet y'all and welcome you to the MassArt community!

Jayne Flessa



My name is Jayne Flessa (she/her/hers) and I'm from a small town in New York called Pine Bush. I'm a senior in Film/Video and I'm also minoring in Creative Writing. I'm one of the Presidents of the Creative Writing Club. Fun fact, the town I live in is known for its Alien sightings and we have a yearly Alien Festival in June. MassArt has been a great community to be a part of over these last few years; my favorite thing has always been the community we have and meeting so many amazing people because of it.

Isis Hack



Pronouns: she/her/hers

Hometown: Providence, Rhode Island

Major: Illustration

Class Year: 2020

Fun Fact: I love go on adventures and go hiking

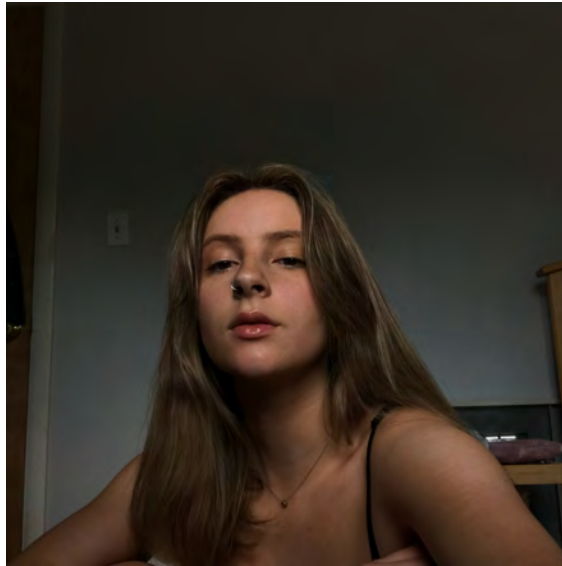
Favorite Thing about MassArt: I love to work in the studio with my friends, it feels like a family

Molly Harrington



Hello! My name is Molly (she/her/hers) and I'm a Junior in Sculpture originally from Pomfret Center, CT. A fun fact about myself is that I love aquarium keeping and freshwater fish! My favorite thing about MassArt would be the amazing facilities and faculty.

Kathleen Hernandez



Hi my name's Kathleen (she/her/hers) and I'm from Westwood, MA. I'm a junior in Communication Design, but I also love to paint when I have the time for it and try to incorporate it into my design work whenever possible! My favorite part of MassArt are all of the resources on campus and the sense of community curated by the students.

Kevin MacDonald



Pronouns: he/him/his

Hometown: Beverly, MA

Major: SIM

Class Year: 2022

Fun Fact: I helped to eliminate single use plastic bags in Beverly

Favorite Thing about MassArt: Professors and classes are the best!

Dayanna Middleton



Pronouns: she/her/hers

Hometown: Vineyard Haven, MA

Major: Illustration

Class Year: 2020

Fun Facts: 1. Even though I'm an illustrator I dabble in fiber arts and in clay sculpture. 2. I'm a casual fan of ducks and plants. 3. I won't eat cheese alone but I love when it's in other food.

Favorite thing about MassArt would have to be the ability to take classes outside of your major.

Leanne Moore



Pronouns: (she/her/hers)

Hometown: Manchester, CT

Class Year: Senior

Major: Sculpture and minor in Sustainability

Fun Fact: I enjoy the outdoors

Favorite Thing about MassArt: The metalshop and the community

Ezekiel Moriarty



Pronouns: he/him/his

Hometown: Boston, MA

Class Year: 2021

Major: Sculpture

Favorite Thing About MassArt: All the facilities I have access to

Alanah Nelson



Hi everyone! My name is Alanah (he/him/his) and I'm a junior in Printmaking from Austin, TX! Here's a list of some things I love VERY much: my dog Phoebe, Elton John and any opportunity to talk about the influence of the Bauhaus on contemporary art. My favorite part about MassArt is having access to the incredible printshop and the lovely community of artists in the fine arts department. Have a great summer and see y'all soon!

Awele Okeibunor



Hometown: Nsukka, Enugu. Nigeria

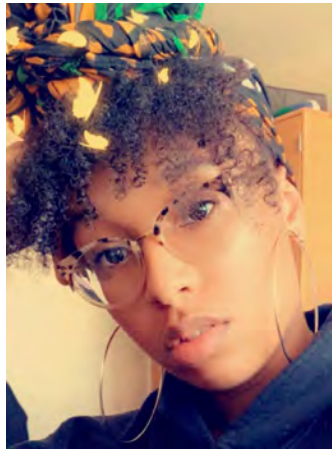
Major: Fashion Design

Class Year: 2021

Fun Fact: My sister thinks I use a lot of purple in my art

Favorite Thing about MassArt: It helped me discover who I am and what I want for myself

Ja'Hari Ortega



Pronouns: (she/her/hers)

Hometown: Boston, MA

Major: SIM with a minor in Sculpture

Class Year: 2021

Fun Fact: I love to Dance!

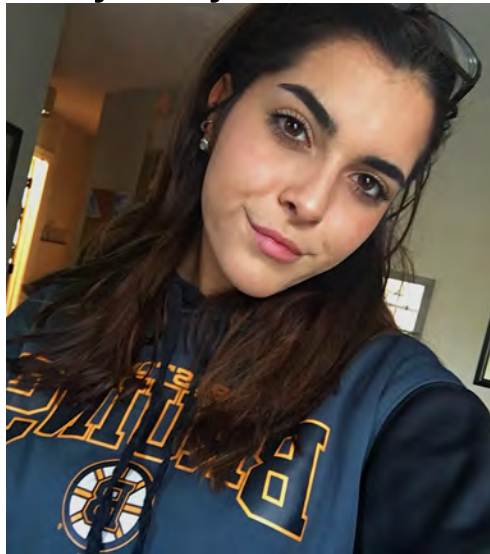
My favorite things about MassArt are the Black Artists Union and cross-registration opportunities at other campuses

Elliot Papp



I'm Elliot (he/him/his), a Junior in Jewelry and Metals! I'm originally from Ohio, but spent most of my life in Randolph, Vermont. I work with MassArt's Center for Art and Community Partnerships, and I volunteer with the sharks and rays at the New England Aquarium!!

Sydney Phaneuf



Hi there!! My name is Sydney, and I'm a sophomore in Art Education with a concentration in Painting. I grew up in a house near Plymouth Beach in Plymouth, MA. A fun fact about me is that I spend my summers working in a smoothie tiki hut by the ocean - and my boss lets me paint all over the inside and outside. I'm also a musician and a soccer player!! My favorite thing about MassArt is the fact that the professors and staff here are so knowledgeable and accessible for each and every one of their students - if you put in the work and ask for help, you will thrive here! I can't wait to see all of the new faces in the fall.

Gersom Rivera



My name is Gersom (he/him/his); I was born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts. I'm a rising sophomore and I will be majoring in Illustration. A fun fact about myself is my broad knowledge of comic books and my favorite thing about MassArt are the major facilities like the woodshop and printmaking studio.

Josie Scarponi



Hi! My name is Josie (she/her/hers) and I am from Canterbury, NH. I am a sophomore in Fibers. I have two dogs and in my free time I play rugby. My favorite thing about MassArt is the size, because you are able to form great relationships with other students and teachers!

Freddy Thomas



My name is Freddy (he/him/his); I'm a sophomore in Printmaking and SIM from Paxton, MA! My favorite insect is a bumble bee, second being the honey bee. My favorite thing about MassArt is the freedom to be the totally authentic you.

Josey Wermuth



Hey! I'm Josey (she/her/hers) and I'm a junior in Architecture with a double minor in Sculpture and Sustainability from Northbridge, MA. My favorite thing about MassArt is the amazing facilities we have for the 3D departments! My end goal is to build a tiny house to travel the country, what's yours?