

Meet the Primers!

A Primer is a student leader who will serve as an Orientation guide and support you throughout the summer and academic year as you transition to the MassArt community. All first year students and Foundation Transfers will be assigned to a Primer group with around 15 of your peers for small group virtual meet-ups over the course of the summer and during the in-person Orientation at the end of the summer. You can contact your Primer anytime (email or through the

Discord) with questions you have about what it's like to be a student at MassArt. Primers represent a wide range of academic disciplines and are extremely resourceful. They are excited about getting to know you and assisting in any way they can. If you are coming in as an Upperclass Transfer student, you can reach out to any of our three Lead Primers, who do not have small groups and assist with the planning and logistics of Orientation.



Abdullah Adisa, Lead Primer

Hi, I'm Abdullah (he/him)! I'm an international student from Nigeria and a rising Junior in fashion design. Bingo nights are one of my favorite things to go to on campus and I'm a sucker for plants. I have three of my own and I'm the indefinite plant sitter of two devil's ivies named Frida and Alfonso. Being able to explore different departments at MassArt has really been a good opportunity of collaboration for me and has also helped extend my artistic reach.



Kevin MacDonald, Lead Primer

Hello! My name is Kevin or "Mack" (he/him). I am from Beverly, MA next to Salem. A fun fact is I used to be in an A cappella group. The professors at MassArt are my favorite.



Nidhi Buty, Lead Primer

My name is Nidhi (she/her) and I'm a Junior in Illustration. I come from India, but I grew up Nairobi, Kenya. I love to spend my free time playing the guitar and singing! My favourite thing about going to MassArt is the sense of community I have with my peers, and the relationships I've built during my time here. I also love that it's in Boston, there's so much to explore! :)



Camila Martorell

Hi y'all! My name is Camila, I use she/her pronouns, and I'm going to be a Junior this upcoming year! I was born in Mexico and moved to Miami when I was around two years old. My favorite thing about MassArt is that as a student, you can take any class outside your major, so you could be in Painting and take a course in Glassblowing! Explore and expand your horizons!



Emily Nieves

Hello my name is Emily Nieves (she/her), I'm from Lawrence, MA, I'm a Junior, and my major is Illustration. My favorite thing about MassArt is community, everyone is very helpful and supportive!



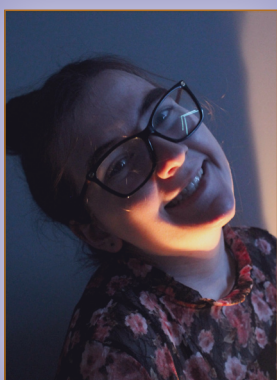
Erin Davila

I'm Erin (she/her), a Junior in Art Education here at MassArt! I live a little ways away from Boston, I lived in a small town more north, so living in the city is a new experience. I love walking around Boston and seeing a bunch of new places, and exploring. In the future, I hope to get a Masters degree in Art Therapy after I graduate! I honestly love being at MassArt, it has helped me meet so many new people and learn a lot of new forms of art; being here has 100% helped me grow as an artist.



Freddy Thomas

Hiya, my names Freddy (they/them), I'm from Worcester, Mass, and I'm gonna be one of your Primers this year! I'm a Senior in Printmaking and SIM and I love everything creepy and kitsch. MassArt is a great place to explore and experiment! There's something here for everyone :))



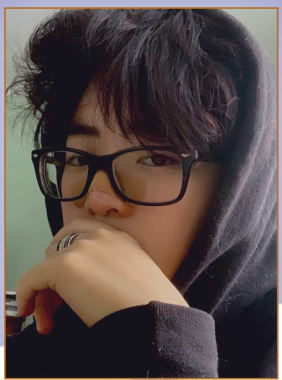
Haley Cooper

Hi! I'm Haley (she/her), I'm from Abington, MA and I'm a rising Sophomore in Photography! A fun fact about me is I know almost every episode of The Office by heart. My favorite thing about MassArt is the programs they have with the Colleges of the Fenway. Looking forward to meeting you all!!



Hope Shellen

Hi! My name is Hope (she/her) and I'm a Sophomore in Industrial Design. I love to paint, listen to music (always looking for new recs!), and my dog Charlie. My favorite thing about MassArt is exploring Boston with my friends. I'm so excited to meet you all!



Jace Mouradian

My name is Jace (they/them) and I am from Canton, Massachusetts. I am a Senior in Illustration and love anime/manga. My favorite thing about MassArt is the community! It's a very accepting student body and the atmosphere is always nice.



Jude Corkren

My name is Jude Corkren (he/him) and I'm currently a Sophomore in Animation with a Creative Writing minor I love goats and cats and all things furry. Probably my favorite thing about MassArt so far is the sense of community I feel with the other students here.



Keara McHaffie

Hi my name is Keara McHaffie (she/her)! I'm from Southborough, Massachusetts and I am a Sophomore painting major! Fun fact about me is I'm an aunt of six nephews and two nieces. My favorite thing about MassArt is the loving and kind people I've met!



Kelsey Fort

I'm Kelsey (she/her) and I'm a Junior in Illustration. I'm a big fan of nature and I'm one of the leaders of MassArt's Outdoor Adventure Club! I love the connections I've made with my classmates and teachers. I also enjoy seeing all the cool projects my friends are working on.



Laura Gonzalez

Name: Laura
Pronouns: she/her
Majors: Sculpture and History of Art
Class Year: 2023
Hometown: Tampa, FL
Fun Fact: I love plants! :)
Favorite Thing About MassArt: Absolutely love my major :)



Lili Allen

Lili Allen (she/her). From Waltham, Massachusetts which has one of the machines that was used to make the original flat bottom paper bag! That was created by the wonderful Margaret Knight. I will be graduating either in 2023 or 2024. I am an Illustration major and will be pursuing a Medical Illustration Masters after my time here at Mass Art. A cool fact about me is I am part robot 🤖 When you get a chance to meet me you let me know what you think makes me a robot. Finally a funky fact about MassArt is that Cyrus Edwin Dallin went here. He did the sculpture in front of the Fine Arts Museum.



Link Ahearn

Hi! I'm Link (he/him or they/them), I'm a Junior Illustration major from Methuen! I love video games, writing, and cosplay. My favorite thing about MassArt would be the ability to take classes outside of your majors, and the awesome people that I've become friends with here.



Linnea Pappas-Byers

Name: Linnea
Pronouns: she/her
Major: Printmaking
Class Year: 2024
Hometown: Hopkinton, MA
Fun Fact: Besides art, I enjoy hiking, cooking, and singing :)
Favorite Thing About MassArt: I love the printmaking studio at MassArt! It's enormous and is totally my happy place.



Maren Harrison

Hi friends! I'm Maren (he/him), and I'm a rising Senior in Illustration! I'm from Dartmouth, MA and I'll be graduating in 2023. I'm a big fan of anime, manga, and video games, and a lot of it influences my artwork! My favorite thing about MassArt is that I can find lots of folks into the same things I am, even if it's just by genre or favorite types of illustration. I'm also in love with the community here, and I've dipped my toes in plenty of waters around MassArt culture. A fun fact is that I got top surgery (!!!) on June 23rd, so I'm really excited about that! I hope my recovery process goes well so I can meet and greet you all as soon as I can!



Michelle Sherman

My name is Michelle (she/her), I'm from Dartmouth, Mass, and I'll be graduating as an animation student in 2023! My special skill is that I can quote almost all of Hercules (1997) (incredibly underrated movie). I love the resources and the community of MassArt! I've missed campus so much and I can't wait to get back!



Milla Moseitch

Name: Milla Moseitch
Pronouns: they/them
Major: Animation
Class Year: 2023
Hometown: Walpole, MA
Fun Fact: I know how to scuba dive
Favorite Thing About MassArt: there is a teletubby in the vents.



Nicole Helms

Hi Everyone! My Name is Nicole (she/her), I am a Senior in the Film and Video department. My favorite thing about MassArt is having free access to the different art museums like the MFA, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, and the ICA. A fun fact about me is I have a pet bunny named Nelly that I am just obsessed with!



Nikki Whatley

My name is Nikki (she/her) I am majoring in Illustration. I also have a lot of interest in the 3D arts as well. MassArt has some confusing buildings but it's really fun to see how they all connect. Oh and the tater tots? Are pretty great.



Pavleena Naegele

Hi! My name is Pavleena Naegele, I use she/her pronouns. I'm from Brookings, SD and I'm a Junior in Animation with a minor in Jewelry and Metalsmithing. A fun fact about me is that my favorite movie snack is popcorn with M&Ms. My favorite thing about MassArt are the amazing people and getting to see what awesome things everyone creates!



Phoebe Cox

Hi, I'm Phoebe (she/her)! I'm from Marlborough, MA and I'm a Junior in Film/Video. This summer I'm learning to juggle, and play the accordion. Not at the same time, unfortunately.



Ricky Vasan

Name: Ricky Vasan
Pronouns: he/him
Major: Painting
Class Year: 2023
Hometown: Dehradun, India
Fun Fact: Color blind painter
Favorite Thing About MassArt: My favorite thing about MassArt are the classes and the community.



Taty Williams

Hey y'all, my name's Taty (she/they) and I'm excited to be your Primer this year :) I'm from Gardner, MA and am majoring in Illustration. My simple pleasures in life are cartoons, anime, listening to music in the shower, and doing things with others. My favorite things about MassArt is the people I've met so far and the voice I have in this community. I'm very excited to meet you guys in person in the Fall :)



Taylor Bissitte

Hello, I'm Taylor (she/her)! I'm from Rutland, Vermont! I'm a Sophomore in Animation this year and my expected year of graduation is 2024. My favorite thing about MassArt so far is how friendly everyone is! This year I'm looking forward to meeting more of my peers and going to in person classes.



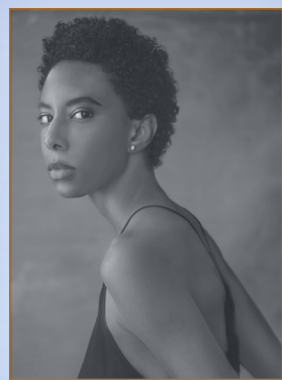
Tina Malfas

Hello, I'm Tina (she/her)! I'm from the Western part of Massachusetts, and I'm a Senior in Illustration. I'm mainly a digital artist as of now, but I still love many traditional media! Besides art I am a big tech and video game enthusiast. My favorite thing at MassArt is the illustration studios, I love the atmosphere of being surrounded by people in my major. They are a great place to be for staying inspired!



Tori Rego

Name: Tori Rego
Pronouns: she/her
Major: SIM
Class Year: 2023
Hometown: Stoughton, MA
Fun Fact: I have a lot of cats
Favorite Thing About MassArt: Favorite thing about MassArt is seeing all the student run galleries.



Xavia Hill Prater

I'm Xavia Hill Prater (she/her) Boston raised and Florida based multi-media artist majoring in Photography with a minor in Creative Writing graduating in the Spring of 2022. My favorite thing about MassArt is that the school truly pushes its students to be the best artists they can possibly be.