

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 in September, every first time freshman 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 freshmen that is led by a Primer during Orientation.

Who will your Primer be?

Meet the Primer Staff

Lead Primers 2018

Hannah Clark



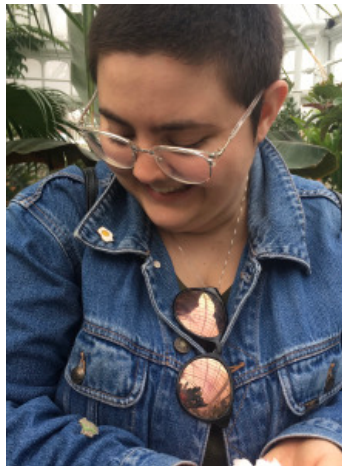
My name is Hannah (she/her/hers), I am a junior in sculpture and sustainability. I'm from the beautiful Hamden CT; I love carrots, cows, Tyler the creator and the great British Bake Off. My favorite thing about MassArt is the community you create, there is such room for collaboration!

Brendan Kenny



My name is Brendan (he/him/his) and I'm suuuuuper excited to be a Lead Primer this year!! I'm from Malden, MA and I'm going into my junior year in the Fibers department! I love to knit and I listen to Express Yourself by Madonna every morning when I get out of bed:) My favorite part of MassArt is it's amazing community and all the wonderful people that I've met here!

Wren Quinn



Hi I'm Wren (they/them) and I'm excited to be one of your Leads this year! I'm a senior in Studio for Interrelated Media (SIM) and Fibers and I'm from Berkley, MA. I've held a bunch of jobs at MassArt, and by far my favorite thing is all the amazing creative people I've met along the way! Interests include songs that are five minutes or longer, dyeing my hair every three weeks, and loving that tiny frog with every fiber of my being.

Morgan Vernon



Pronouns: (he/him/his)

Hometown: Essex, Connecticut.

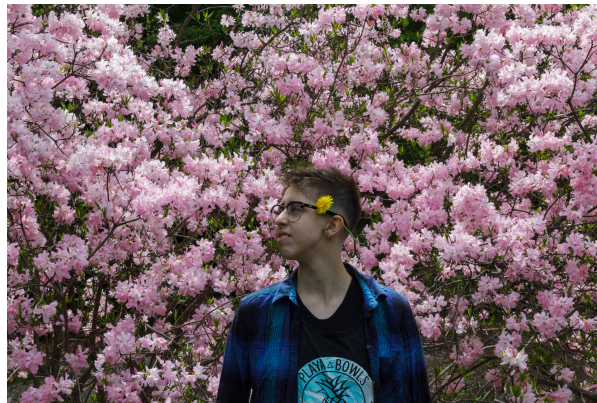
Class Year: Junior

Major: Fashion Design (minor in glass).

Fun fact: My favorite run in our area is to Jamacia Pond.

My favorite thing about MassArt is without a doubt the community that surrounds me. The professors genuinely care about my growth as a designer and are a vital part of my creative process. The student body is filled with diversity and inspiration. I'm proud to call MassArt my home.

Primers 2018 Chris Aiello



Pronouns: (they/them/theirs)

Hometown: Basking Ridge, NJ

Class Year: 2021

Major: Jewelry & Metalsmithing

Fun Fact: I've become immune to coffee thanks to working at Dunkin Donuts

Favorite thing about MassArt: I love being able to get to different buildings without having to go outside!

Love Aridou



Hey im Love! (she/her/hers) I was born in Haiti but grew up in Massachusetts, I am a Senior in the Industrial Design Program. I love music, all foods spicy, and Massart is great in that its location provides an opportunity to become exposed to different people and artist and perspectives! Just visit the neighborhood!

Daniel Berube



My name is Daniel Berube (he/him/his) and I am a Sophomore studying Graphic Design. While I am studying Graphic 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 Insaurrealde



I'm Camila (she/her/hers) I'm a third year in Painting and SIM and I'm from Miami, FL. Fun fact, I used to be an Ice Cream chef so I made those ice cream rolls you sometimes see on Instagram. My favorite thing about MassArt is working with local youth outside of MassArt through CACP.

Ariel Brenna



Hey guys! My name is Ariel (she/her/hers) and I'm a Senior in Illustration. My hometown is Glenside, Pennsylvania (which is right around Philadelphia) and I love living in Boston! I absolutely love animals (I'm obsessed with pugs) and a lot of my illustrations are of animals, not surprisingly. My favorite thing about MassArt is being surrounded by a community of fellow artists and being able to draw inspiration from each other.

Riley Cady



Pronouns: (she/her/hers)

Hometown: Fairport, NY

Class Year: Junior

Major: Illustration

Fun Fact: Knows how to talk to birds

Favorite Thing About MassArt: Loves the friends she's made along the way!

Kate Costello



Hello I'm Kate (she/her/hers)! I'm from Scituate, Rhode Island and I'm a junior in Animation. I love dogs, cool socks, and sketchbooks. One of the things I love the most about MassArt is being able to collab with friends in all different majors and being surrounded by like-minded art-loving people! A fun fact about me is that I'm training to run the Boston marathon by my senior year!

Zoe Cronin



Greetings Class of 2022! My name is Zoe (she/her/hers) and I am from Wayne, NJ. I am a sophomore majoring in Art Education with a minor in Sustainability. I love traveling and am excited about studying abroad in Ireland this summer! Some fun facts about me are that I am gluten-free, I've have been to 35/50 states, and am an obsessive knitter! On campus, I am involved in MassArt Action for the Planet and the Alternative Spring Break Habitat for Humanity trip. I've really enjoyed being part of MassArt's tight-knit and vibrant community within the larger city of Boston, and I hope you will too!

Can't wait to meet you!!

Caroline Del Vecchio



Hey there! I'm Caroline (she/her/hers)!

I am from Orange, CT and am going to be a senior in Industrial Design! Fun fact about me: I'm a Co-chair of the MAC Board (MassArt Activities Council Board) and work with the board to plan and execute fun events for students on and off campus! My favorite thing about MassArt is the community. Everyone here wants to help you succeed and make connections, which is super helpful as an evolving artist/designer.

Elizabeth Derby



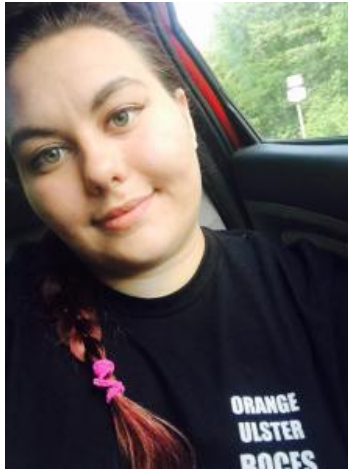
Hiya! I'm Elizabeth (she/her/hers) and I'm from Larchmont, NY. I'm a sophomore in Illustration and will be graduating in 2021! I've jumped off a (small) cliff in Iceland and have a mild fear of seagulls. I can most likely be spotted in the courtyard or comic section of the library-they're my favorite spots at MassArt.

Maggie Favazza



Hello! My name is Maggie Favazza (she/her/hers), I'm from Hamilton, Massachusetts and am excited to show you around MassArt!! I am a sophomore in Fashion Design but also have skills in losing one shoe out of a pair and petting dogs I meet. I really like chickens, not for eating but as pets, and can identify most chicken breeds. My favorite part of MassArt is the friendly and warm community, which I am thrilled to welcome you too!

Jayne Flessa



Hey! My name is Jayne (she/her/hers) and I'm from Pine Bush, New York. I'm a junior in the Film/Video department, and I'm minoring in Creative Writing which is our school's newest minor! Fun fact about me, my parents are divorced and both remarried, and I have 5 siblings in total. My parents still get along to the point where we've been able to go on collective family vacations with the 4 adults and 6 kids. Coming to a school like MassArt has been amazing because the environment is so accepting of everyone and anyone and I hope you all enjoy your first year as much as possible!

Eda French



Hello! My name is Eda French (she/her/hers) and I am a senior in Illustration from Portland, Maine! Some of my favorite things are: Wes Anderson movies, my cats Jack and Mei, french bulldogs, hiking, lip-syncing Britney for my life, competitive swimming and frisbee! My favorite thing about MassArt is our wonderful community and awesome events that are always happening around campus! I also love being a part of MassArt's Student Government! I can't wait to meet all of you!

Aiden Gerstmyer



HEY EVERYONE! My name's Aiden (he/him/his), I'm a senior in illustration and I'm originally from Concord, Massachusetts. This is my second year as a commuter student and I'm living on Mission Hill this year. I love Studio Ghibli and David Lynch, making my own totally-not-lame vaporwave remixes, scraggly linework, Gustav Klimt, and giving my friends randomly generated nicknames. My favorite thing about MassArt is our awesome little family of charismatic and talented professors and students and I'm super excited to welcome you all to it! Have a great summer!

Kaitlyn Kennedy



Hi all! Im Kaitlyn Kennedy (she/her/hers), your local MassArt Primer and I love dogs, people and the color pink. Im a junior in Animation here at MassArt and I un-ironically love Barry Manilow (specifically Copa Cabana).

Jake Lutter



My name is Jake (he/him/his) and I am from Lunenburg, MA. I am a junior and I am a double major in Film video and Graphic Design. I like to skateboard, write music and cry... crying is tight. I have a dog named Ben and a twin brother. My favorite thing about MassArt is the community of passionate art makers and designers. The way each student cares about their own body of work and others. I love the critiques and the feedback. And recognition for creating something truly amazing. Plus Boston is rad. And our school is in it which is awesome.

Liam Mahoney



Liam Mahoney (he/him/his) is a good boy who was born in the year 1997; though some would say engineered. He was picked up by MassArt in his senior year of high school and has been a proud subject ever since. His mother's name is Anne and his father's name is Kevin. He has two sisters — one named Maggie and the other named Rory. Maggie graduated from MassArt in 2017. Liam currently resides within the major known as Illustration, though he has been known to fluctuate between forms. Some would call Liam slightly above average height and some would call Liam much shorter than your average NBA player; some would also say Liam is a good biker whilst others would absolutely disagree. Liam wants to love the life of a person like many other people but as a scientific test subject he has struggled to maintain a low profile. Liam is entering his senior year at MassArt and can't wait to work and meet all of the incumbent class. Liam has two dogs — he loves them very much. His favorite thing about MassArt is the people — he loves the people, he can't stop talking about the people, he just cares so much about the people.....people.

Callie Mastrianni



Hi everyone! My name is Callie (she/her/hers). I'm a senior double major in Illustration and Ceramics, with a minor in Sustainability. I love goats, sunflowers, my tomato plants, and will take any opportunity to talk about Gilmore Girls. My favorite part about MassArt is how we all get to come here to do what we love every single day!

Leanne Moore



Pronouns: (she/her/hers)

Hometown: Manchester, CT

Class Year: Sophomore

Major: Sculpture

Fun Fact: I enjoy cooking

Favorite Thing about MassArt: The community

Xavier Muse



Pronouns: (he/him/his)

Hometown: Boston, MA

Class Year: Junior

Major: Film/Video

Fun Fact: I have had 4 casts on both arms and 2 concussions

Favorite Thing about MassArt: The openness

Noriyoshi Needle



Hi my name is Nori. (they/them/theirs) I'm from Worcester, MA and I'm a sophomore in the Studio for Interrelated Media major. A fun fact about me is that I only went to high school for five weeks. My favorite thing about MassArt is that I constantly feel supported through my art making process and that always have great people to collaborate on ideas with.

Ja'Hari Ortega



Pronouns: (she/her/hers)

Hometown: Boston, MA

Class Year: Sophomore

Fun Fact: I love to Dance!

My favorite things about MassArt are the Black Artists Union
and the many opportunities for collaboration

Elliot Papp



Hi! I'm Elliot (he/him/his), and I'm a sophomore from Vermont. I'm a Fibers major, but I'm also doing a lot of work with jewelry and I want to start working with glass as well! I'm looking forward to meeting everyone in the fall.

Finn Ramirez-Montanez



Hi there! I'm Finnian, but you can call me Finn (he/him/his). I'm a sophomore in sculpture with a creative writing minor. I like making things that can move.

I also like puzzles, sci-fi, tentacled creatures, learning new things and collecting state quarters.

I'm technically "from" a lot of places, but I've most recently come here from Washington State, and I was born in The Bronx in NYC. My favorite thing about MassArt is the sense of satisfaction you get when you finally figure out the labyrinth of buildings and can actually give people directions.

Fun Fact: If you pause Kiki's Delivery Service at just the right moment, Tombo becomes Miley Cyrus in 'Wrecking Ball.' I have screenshots to prove it.

Gaby Schaab



Hi! My name is Gaby (she/her/hers) and I am sophomore double-majoring in Fibers and SIM. My favorite things about MassArt are all of the nice people that I've met and the opportunity to try so many new forms of art, like installation. I am from Trumbull, CT and am proud to say that my home state invented the Pez dispenser, frisbees and so many other wonderful things! On campus I am involved in the ReStore and Action for the Planet. In my personal time, I make art about cowgirls, cook the best egg sandwiches in the Northeast and am always down to go a concert. I look forward to meeting y'all.

Saige Schrater



Hey! Im Saige Schrater (she/her/hers) and I am a sophomore in Photography. I grew up in Andover, MA which is just 30 min north of Boston so I'm super familiar with the city. A fun fact about me is that I got to horseback ride through Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming which was the most amazing experience ever!! My favorite thing about MassArt is how nice the community is.

Alice Sowa



Hi! I'm Alice (she/her/hers) from San Rafael California just 20 minutes north from San Francisco. I'm going into my first year of Industrial Design (2021) and am minoring in Sustainability and Sculpture. Other than 'arting' I love animals, hiking, swimming and surfing/boogie boarding. I love how Mass Art has so many open labs — the laser cut room being my favorite. Welcome to Mass Art!

Michelle Stevens



Heyyo, I'm Michelle (she/her/hers) and I'm a senior in Illustration with a minor in Sustainability. I grew up in Westborough, Massachusetts, where I enjoy looking out my window to see my neighbor's mini pony, Beans. (Not his real name, I just call him that cuz it suits him - but this doesn't matter). It brings me immense joy to witness Beans galloping freely through the field with his mini legs. I am currently living in NYC for the summer to complete and internship as a studio assistant (which also means I am currently Beans-deprived). Some of my favorite things are: embarrassing my friends by showing off my amazing dance moves in public, writing, scootering, spending time by or in the ocean, crying along to 'Queer Eye', laughing with my friends till I nearly throw up, walking around the city, concerts and rollerblading or ice skating. My favorite thing about MassArt is being able to see how so many different types of artists grow during their time here, as well as the amount of wonderful courses offered and the amazing community that you get to be a part of. See you soon!

Josey Wermuth



I'm Josey Wermuth (she/her/hers). I'm a sophomore in Sculpture with a minor in Sustainability. I'm from Northbridge, Massachusetts. I love that MassArt has all

kinds of opportunities to explore any medium and really make your education unique to you. After I graduate I want to travel the country/world in a tiny house I build!