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Mary Baldwin University and The Commonwealth of Virginia's
Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership

Our nation's only all-female corps of cadets

VWIL proudly celebrated 20 years serving the best interests of the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Virginia. VWIL is the nation's premier college leadership development program for women, integrating academics, fitness, leadership development, ethics, and military training. The program demands of students a great deal beyond the ordinary, its educational value is stronger than ever, and it produces exceptional citizens and military leaders.

Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership Facts

- To date, 402 VWIL women have graduated from Mary Baldwin College; 54% of these graduates are Virginians, 56% are government employees, 40% were first-generation college students. We've commissioned 136 into the U.S. armed forces; 43% commissioned are Virginians. In the last four years (2013-2016), the commissioning rate averaged 50.25%.
- The number of students who have received Virginia VWIL funding is: 2010, 57 students; 2011, 56 students; 2012, 50 students; 2013, 56 students; 2014, 52 students; 2015, 46 students and in 2016, an estimated 64 students. All of these students are or were Virginia residents at the time.
- VWIL cadets from Virginia are not eligible for the Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG), so the designated VWIL funding provides their state-funded tuition assistance. The past three years, our incoming freshmen class continues to grow in quality and quantity. We average 64% out-of-state students who do not benefit from the Virginia VWIL grant.
- In 2016-17, the VWIL Corps is 105 women strong, with a growing national reputation. *Mary Baldwin 2020*, the college's strategic plan for 2014-2020, calls for 175 VWIL cadets by fall 2020 and "to build upon VWIL and our military connections and commitment." As of Fall 2016, VWIL has matriculated over 1,000 cadets through the VWIL Corps of Cadets. Historically, VWIL has represented approximately 5% of the total Virginia Corps but about 30% of the women.
- VWIL is a public-private partnership of the Commonwealth of Virginia and Mary Baldwin University, and was established at the request of the Commonwealth in 1995. State funding for VWIL, while much more modest than in the program's early years, is provided through a dedicated allocation in the state budget. The Commonwealth of Virginia's support goes directly to support students and to provide services and programming that benefits them directly.
- Under the leadership of Brigadier General Terry Djuric (USAF, Retired), VWIL program administrative costs have been reduced with the administration downsized by two full-time employees in order to absorb the operating costs for the growing number of VWIL cadets.

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