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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
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VWIL proudly continues 24 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, 428 VWIL women have graduated from Mary Baldwin University; 53% of these graduates are Virginians, 56% are government employees, 40% were first-generation college students. We've commissioned 146 into the U.S. armed forces; 43% commissioned are Virginians. In recent years, 2013-2016, 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; 2016, 39 students; 2017, 39 students; 2018, 35 students; and in 2019 an estimated 42 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 65% out-of-state students who do not benefit from the Virginia VWIL grant.
- In 2019-20, the VWIL Corps is 115 women strong, with a growing national reputation. Mary Baldwin University's strategic plan for through 2025, calls for 175 VWIL cadets by fall 2025 and *"to build upon VWIL and our military connections and commitment."* As of Fall 2019, VWIL has matriculated over 1,150 cadets through the VWIL Corps of Cadets. Historically, VWIL has represented approximately 5% of the total Virginia Corps and about 30% of the women in the Virginia Corps. We've marched in each of the six gubernatorial inauguration parades since 1998.
- 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.
- 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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