

**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 25 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 cadets 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, 460 VWIL women have graduated from Mary Baldwin University; 51% of these graduates are Virginians, 56% are government employees, 40% were first-generation college students. We've commissioned 158 into the U.S. armed forces; 44% commissioned are Virginians; commissioning rate averaged 52% between 2013 and 2020.
- The number of cadets receiving 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; 2019, 42 students; and in 2020 an estimated 28 students. All of these students are or were Virginia residents at the time they were cadets.
- In 2020–21, the VWIL Corps is 102 women strong, including 55% minority students. 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."* The VWIL Class of 2020 graduated 71% of their original first-generation college students (compared to 66% nationally), 59% of their original African American students (28% nationally), and 55% of their original Hispanic students (35% nationally). As of Fall 2020, VWIL has matriculated over 1,200 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 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 four years, with a growing national reputation, our incoming freshmen class averages 65% out-of-state students who do not benefit from the Virginia VWIL grant.
- 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 is more modest than in the program's early years and pales in comparison to Virginia Military Institute and Virginia Tech. The Commonwealth of Virginia's annual allocation in the state budget is essential in directly supporting cadets with dedicated programming that benefits them.
- Under the leadership of Brigadier General Terry Djuric (USAF, Retired), the VWIL program administrative costs have been reduced in an attempt to absorb the operating costs for the growing number of VWIL cadets.

*More information: [www.marybaldwin.edu/vwil](http://www.marybaldwin.edu/vwil)*

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