

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

*Our nation's only all-female corps of cadets  
(report date September 1, 2021)*

*VWIL proudly continues 26 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, 470 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 160 into the U.S. armed forces; 44% commissioned are Virginians; commissioning rate averaged 52% between 2013 and 2021. In 2022, we anticipate our largest military commissions – 18 officers and 81% of their class will be serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard.
- 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; 2020, 28 students; and in 2021 we anticipate 28 students from Virginia. All of these students are or were Virginia residents at the time they were cadets.
- In 2021–22, the VWIL Corps is 110 women strong, including 58% minority students. Mary Baldwin University's strategic plan through 2025, calls for 175 VWIL cadets by fall 2025 and *"to build upon VWIL and our military connections and commitment."* As of Fall 2021, VWIL has matriculated over 1,250 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 five years, with VWIL's growing national reputation, our incoming freshmen class averages 76% 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 leadership programming that benefits them. VWIL requests an additional \$19,250 each year to transition to the new OCP utility uniform; the Commonwealth provided funding for Va Tech and VMI Corps of Cadets additional funding for their OCP utility uniform transition.
- Under the leadership of Brigadier General Terry Djuric (USAF, Retired), the VWIL program administrative costs have been reduced while providing quality leadership development for the growing number of VWIL cadets.

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

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