

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 celebrated 30 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 a great deal of cadets 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:

- **Report.** The General Assembly requires an annual report of students participating in the Virginia Women's Leadership Program (50 students in 2026-27), the number of in-state (32) and out-of-state (0) students receiving awards, the amount of the awards (equivalent to VTAG), the number of students graduating (11 in 2027), and the number of students receiving commissions in the military (3 in 2027). Ref: SB30, Item 132 and HB30, Item 132.
- **Budget.** The Virginia appropriation continues instills confidence in the nation's only women-centered military leadership development program and enables VWIL to positively invest the full appropriation \$372,899.00 of general fund support toward urgent program needs for these future leaders. This funding helps repair and replace aging transportation for weekly ROTC courses totaling over 30K miles a semester; updates VWIL uniforms; and covers VWIL's advanced experiential leadership development seminars and career preparedness training.
- **Virginia Residents.** Mary Baldwin University awards this Virginia VWIL financial incentive to only Virginia cadets. In the past 14 years, those awards totaled: 2013, 56 students; 2014, 52 students; 2015, 46 students; 2016, 39 students; 2017, 39 students; 2018, 35 students; 2019, 42 students; 2020, 28 students; 2021, 28 students; 2022, 21 students; 2023, 20 students; 2024, 27 students; 2025, 36; and in 2026 we have 32 students from Virginia. We're confident we'll continue to grow our Virginia enrollment next year with renewed efforts to partner with all JROTC units and high school military academies across the commonwealth.
- **Graduates.** To date, 544 VWIL women have graduated from Mary Baldwin University; 45% of these graduates were Virginians, 40% were first-generation college students, and 56% pursued government careers at the local, state, national and international levels. Over the past 25 years of graduates, we've commissioned 196 officers and an additional 18 enlisted into the U.S. armed forces. Our current military commissioning rate averages 55% between 2020 and 2026 compared to 32% in our first few years (1999-2005).
- **Partnership.** The VWIL Corps proudly marched in Governor Spanberger's Inauguration Parade as we celebrated our nation's 250th and VWIL's 30th anniversaries. VWIL is a successful public-private partnership of the Commonwealth of Virginia and Mary Baldwin University, established in 1995 at the Commonwealth's request. The Virginia Corps of Cadets consists of VMI, VT, and VWIL. VWIL has represented 5% of the total Virginia Corps and 30% of the women in the Virginia Corps. The Commonwealth of Virginia's annual allocation in the state budget is essential and directly supports female cadets with dedicated leadership programming. The Virginia VWIL programmatic administration funds provide quality leadership development for the VWIL cadets—women leaders who believe in truth, duty, honor. Under the leadership of Brigadier General Terry Djuric (USAF, Retired), VWIL's national reputation has grown, and our Corps of Cadets average 50% out-of-state students from 8 states who do not benefit from the Virginia VWIL grant.

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