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## Leadership: A Way of Life for Mary Baldwin Women

Every student leader in the Residential College for Women (RCW) is a woman. Leadership training and development enjoys a long history at Mary Baldwin, with its organized roots going back to the creation of student government in 1929.

Leadership training was further strengthened with the establishment of the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership in 1995, and later, the addition of the Cynthia H. Tyson Leadership Series.

- All RCW students have the same opportunity to step into leadership roles with more than 250 positions to be filled in student government with its senate, honor council, judicial board, and more; clubs and organizations which include academic, arts, social, even charitable groups; sports teams in Division III athletics teams or club sports; in one of 10 national honor societies; and for committees such as orientation and President's Society, to name a few.
- Mary Baldwin College is privileged to be the first women's college in the nation to shelter a chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society.
- Fully 41% of RCW students hold leadership positions during their four years of college life. At least half of RCW alumnae report holding leadership positions in volunteer organizations, in addition to what they achieve in careers and civic endeavors.

### Signature Programs in Leadership

The Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL) is the only all female corps of cadets in the world. VWIL is a program based on the fundamentals of military and civilian service that prepares young women for careers in any profession they choose.

- Every VWIL cadet earns a minor in leadership studies, a course of study that is an option for all other Mary Baldwin College students as well.
- VWIL cadets, as members of the Residential College for Women, vie for the same leadership roles, and also work toward officer and leader roles in VWIL.
- The program instills confidence, builds camaraderie, teaches discipline, and focuses on sense of purpose that contributes to cadet success during college and in life.

The Cynthia H. Tyson Student Leadership Series is a carefully crafted and comprehensive sequence of leadership training activities that extend throughout your four years at Mary Baldwin College.

- The phased program allows you to develop and practice leadership, make mistakes, learn from them, and move forward. Skills are practiced in safe classroom environments and applied to real situations on campus and in the community.
- From freshmen to seniors, the program trains students for leadership with lessons on problem-solving, time management, networking, budgeting, event and financial planning, business etiquette, and more.
- Students are presented with opportunities to work with mentors and career counselors to develop the all-important skills needed to market yourself successfully in your chosen career or to win admission to graduate school.