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A College for Women

In its Residential College for Women, Mary Baldwin College focuses all resources on women. All the student leaders are women, and all athletes are women. Women design research, use laboratory equipment, lead study groups, make presentations.

You can have a great social life, too. Academic exchanges and a wealth of activities offer plenty of opportunities to socialize with other young people on our campus and within easy driving distance. There are 47,000 college students within 50 miles of Mary Baldwin College.

- Research shows that students at women's colleges are more likely to graduate and more likely to develop positive self-esteem during their college career — than female students at co-ed institutions, according to the Women's Colleges Coalition.
- Every student leader at Mary Baldwin College is a woman. Leadership opportunities range from Student Government Association president or senator to leader of the Baldwin Program Board — a group that plans many of the campus' major events — from president of the campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity to first captain of Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership, the only all female cadet corps in the world.
- Students at women's colleges hold less stereotyped career views and are three times more likely to earn a degree in economics, and one and half times more likely to earn a degree in life sciences, physical sciences, and math — than women at co-ed institutions.
- Female role models are everywhere you look at Mary Baldwin College. Of women's college presidents, 90% are female, including MBC's own President Pamela Fox. The Mary Baldwin College Board of Trustees is 65% female — much higher than the national average of 29%. More than half of MBC's faculty is female.
- Women are the star athletes at women's colleges, and men's sports don't dominate the spotlight. Students in the Residential College for Women at Mary Baldwin can excel in six sports that are part of Division III in the National Collegiate Athletic Association: basketball, cross country, soccer, softball, tennis, and volleyball. Several club sports are offered — dancing, fencing, horseback riding, and swimming.
- Women's college graduates have a proven record of career success. Of 93 women in U.S. Congress, 16% are women's college graduates, including former first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. One-third of female board members of Fortune 1000 companies are women's college grads, 20% of *Fortune's* 50 Most Powerful Women in American Business are women's college grads, and a *Business Week* list of 50 women who are rising stars in corporate America included 15 women who earned their undergraduate degree at a women's college.