



# IT MEANS SOMETHING

It means something to push yourself further than you thought you could go, academically and physically. It means something to have the confidence to face challenges *wherever life takes you.*

At VMI, cadets learn to excel under pressure through a personalized education that comes only from a nationally ranked college. Cadets learn the meaning of a life built around *honor, integrity, and discipline.*

This is where leaders of character are forged, the bonds of lifetime friendships are formed, and *the value of a life of service to others is lived.*

*VMI is where tradition meets purpose, and purpose drives excellence.*



## 4.5 Stars

Rated a 4.5-Star Best College by Money magazine—the highest rank level extended to Virginia public colleges (2025)

## 97%

97% of graduates are employed or attending graduate school within 5 months of graduation (Source: VMI Office of Career Services)

## No. 2

Best Value Colleges in Virginia (Source: Niche Rankings, 2026)

## No. 4

Best public liberal arts college in the nation, ranked only behind the nation's federal military academies (Source: 2026 Best Colleges, U.S. News & World Report)



Meet VMI's Class of 2026 president, Max Ankrah '26.

# VMI SUCCESS & RANKINGS

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**4.5 STARS**

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**50%<sup>+</sup>**

graduates commission into the armed forces through VMI's ROTC program and University Auxiliary Program. (UAP)

**\$80K**

VMI alumni earn an average of \$80,000 in early career earnings. (Money magazine)

**\$149K**

VMI alumni earn an average of \$149,000 in mid-career earnings. (Money magazine)

**NO.1**

Liberal Arts College in the nation for ROTC Rank. (Washington Monthly)

**NO.2**

Best Value Colleges in Virginia. (Niche Rankings)

**NO.4**

Best Public Liberal Arts College in the nation, ranked only behind the nation's federal military academies. (U.S. News & World Report)

**NO.29**

Undergraduate Engineering Non-Doctorate out of approximately 200 colleges. (U.S. News and World Report)

**NO.65**

National Liberal Arts Colleges out of approximately 200 colleges. (U.S. News and World Report)

**NO.89**

Public College out of approximately 500 colleges. (Forbes)

*\*all stats from 2025 & 2026*



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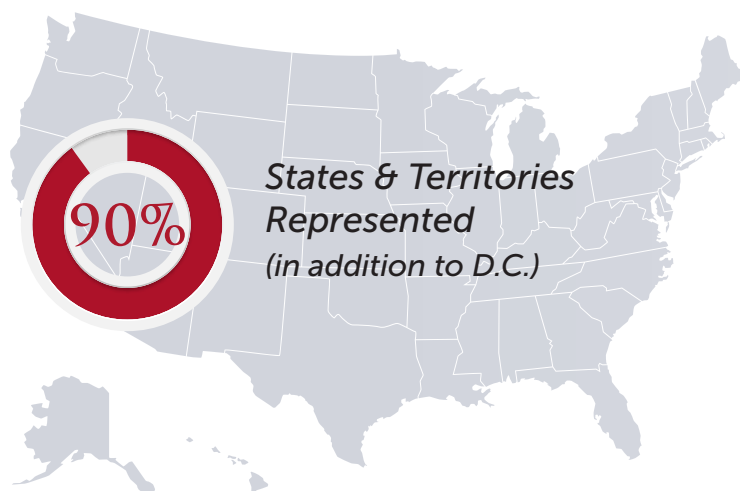
# 1,496 CADETS

62%  
In-State

36%  
Out-of-State



2%  
12 Foreign Countries Represented



10:1

Student to  
Faculty Ratio



18

NCAA Division I  
Athletic Teams



23%

Cadets Received  
ROTC Scholarships



\$33,016

Average  
Cost



84%

Cadets Received  
Financial Aid

## ACADEMIC BREAKDOWN

14 & 28

Majors

Minors



51%  
STEM



49%  
non-STEM

"I was so impressed with the VMI leadership journey. ... I think we should take the example we have seen here today and consider how can you interpret this kind of model into the life of other institutions. ... They have set a high bar here. ... We have talked so much at SCHEV about the importance of civic leadership, civic responsibility, leadership, [and] ethics—how you teach that in the 21st century. Here is a very compelling model, and one that we should consider how to apply in other contexts."

Mr. Jason El Koubi,

*State Council of Higher Education for Virginia Board Member*



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