





A Message from the Superintendent

Since 1839, Virginia Military Institute has been a training ground where the citizen-soldiers and leaders of the future have honed their skills and are ready to take on the challenges of our nation and commonwealth upon graduation. Our dedicated VMI faculty, staff, and administration continue to support our time-tested mission producing yet another class of citizen-soldiers prepared to lead their families, peers, and communities. I am proud of all that was accomplished during the 2023–24 academic year.

More than 350 cadets joined the ranks of VMI alumni during this past academic year, with 53% commissioning into one of the armed services. Many more will serve the commonwealth, our communities, and the nation in the public and private sector. Others

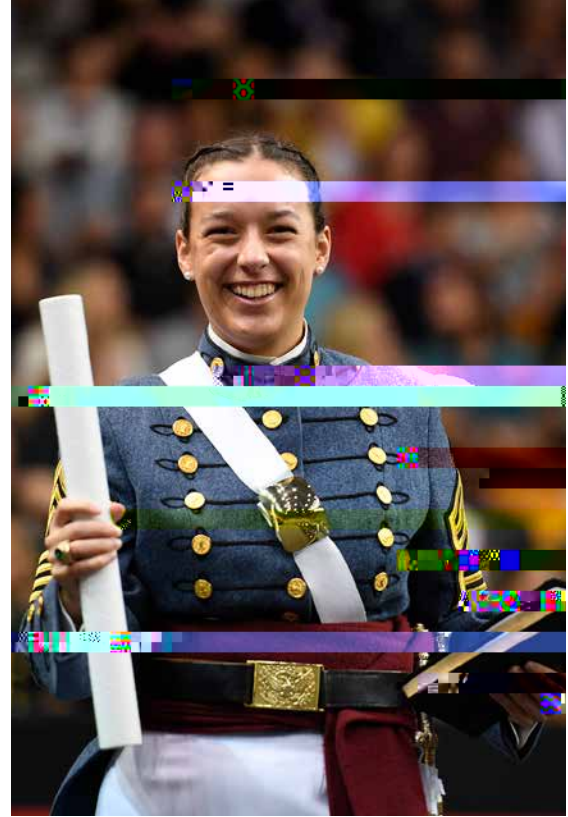
Forging 21st Century Leaders

Considering every aspect of cadet life, taking into account the needs of the future and the successes of the past, a plan has been set in place. VMI's strategic plan, entitled, "Forging 21st Century Leaders," has five key initiatives that ensure we deliver on our long-standing mission, and move us closer to achieving our vision. In the following pages, you will see the importance of these initiatives, what's already being done, and how they are critical to each student we recruit and their families.

"The Institute and the Corps have grown and evolved since our humble beginnings in 1839. But what hasn't changed is our mission to

Who are we?

We are one Corps of Cadets, organized as a regiment, led by a 1st Class regimental command and staff, with cadets assigned to 10 companies, Alpha through India and Band Company. Cadets live in barracks with four to seven in each room. They eat together, train together, and wear cadet uniforms. They live by and embody the Code of the Cadet. They stand shoulder-to-shoulder with their brothers through their entire cadetship, facing challenges, gaining leadership experiences, building confidence, and treating each other with respect. Their cadetship is built upon a foundation of honor and integrity, embodied in the VMI Honor Code.



VMI received 5 stars
out of 5 in Money
magazine's Best
Colleges in America
list for 2024.



Prepare Exceptional Leaders

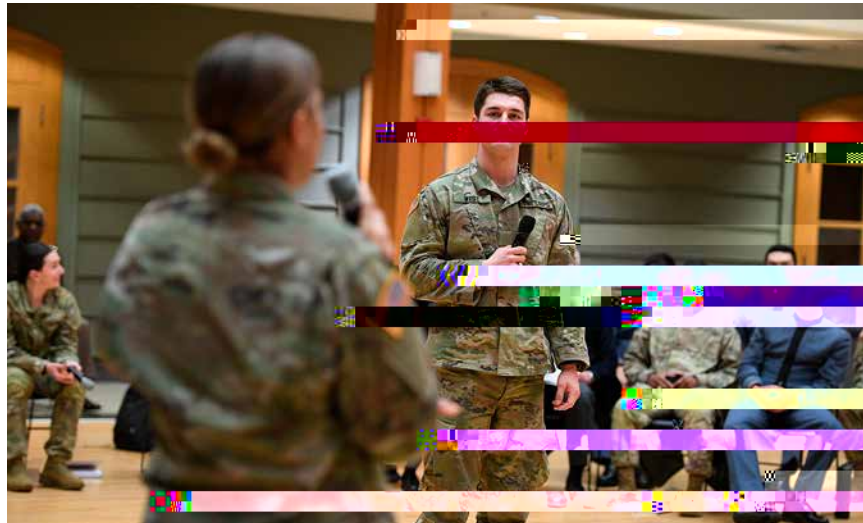
Leadership development opportunities abound at VMI. From being class president, regimental commander, battalion or company commander, member of the Honor Court, or a cadet in charge of a club to setting a strong example in the rat-





Center for Leadership and Ethics

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Strengthen Academic Excellence

In the 2023–24 U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges list, VMI was No. 4 in Top Public Schools and No. 63 in National Liberal Arts Colleges.

Within every curriculum and academic study pursued, each cadet hears from experts in their field, learns about career paths and graduate school opportunities,

and can conduct advanced undergraduate research alongside faculty members. VMI has relationships with some of the best graduate and professional schools in the United States, that include programs of study in law, medicine, business, and engineering.

Areas of Study

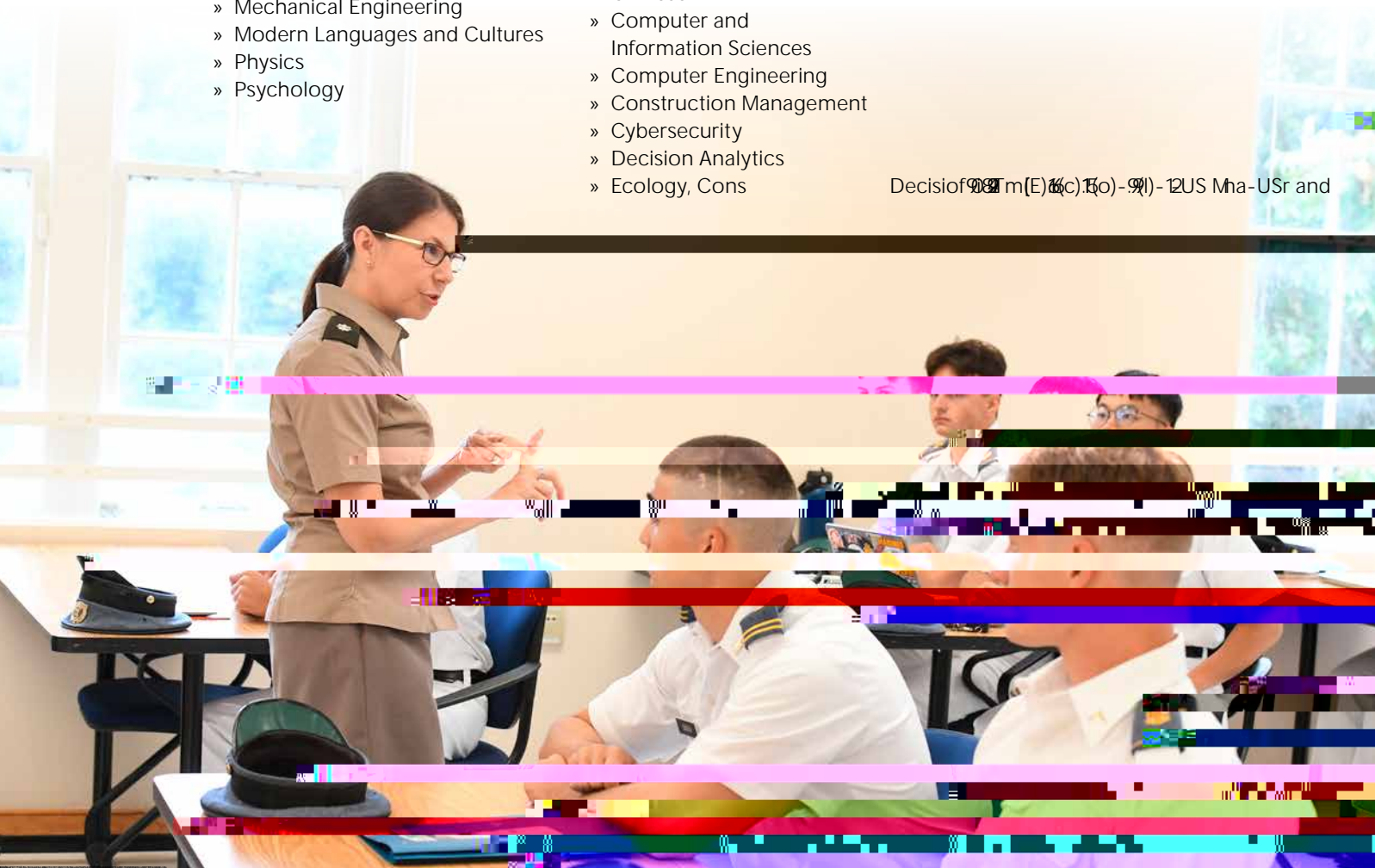
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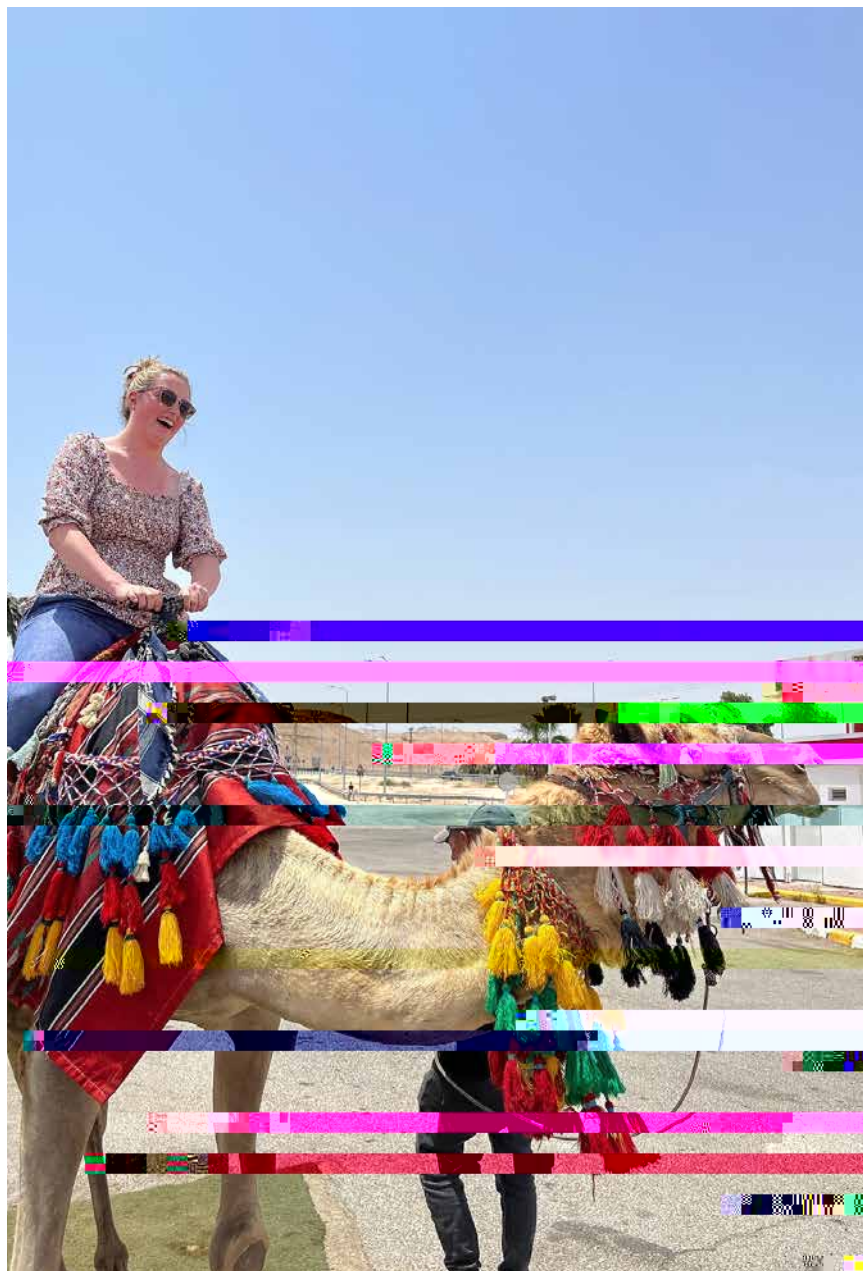
- » Applied Mathematics
- » Biology
- » Chemistry
- » Civil Engineering
- » Computer Science
- » Economics and Business
- » Electrical and Computer Engineering
- » English
- » History
- » International Studies
- » Mechanical Engineering
- » Modern Languages and Cultures
- » Physics
- » Psychology

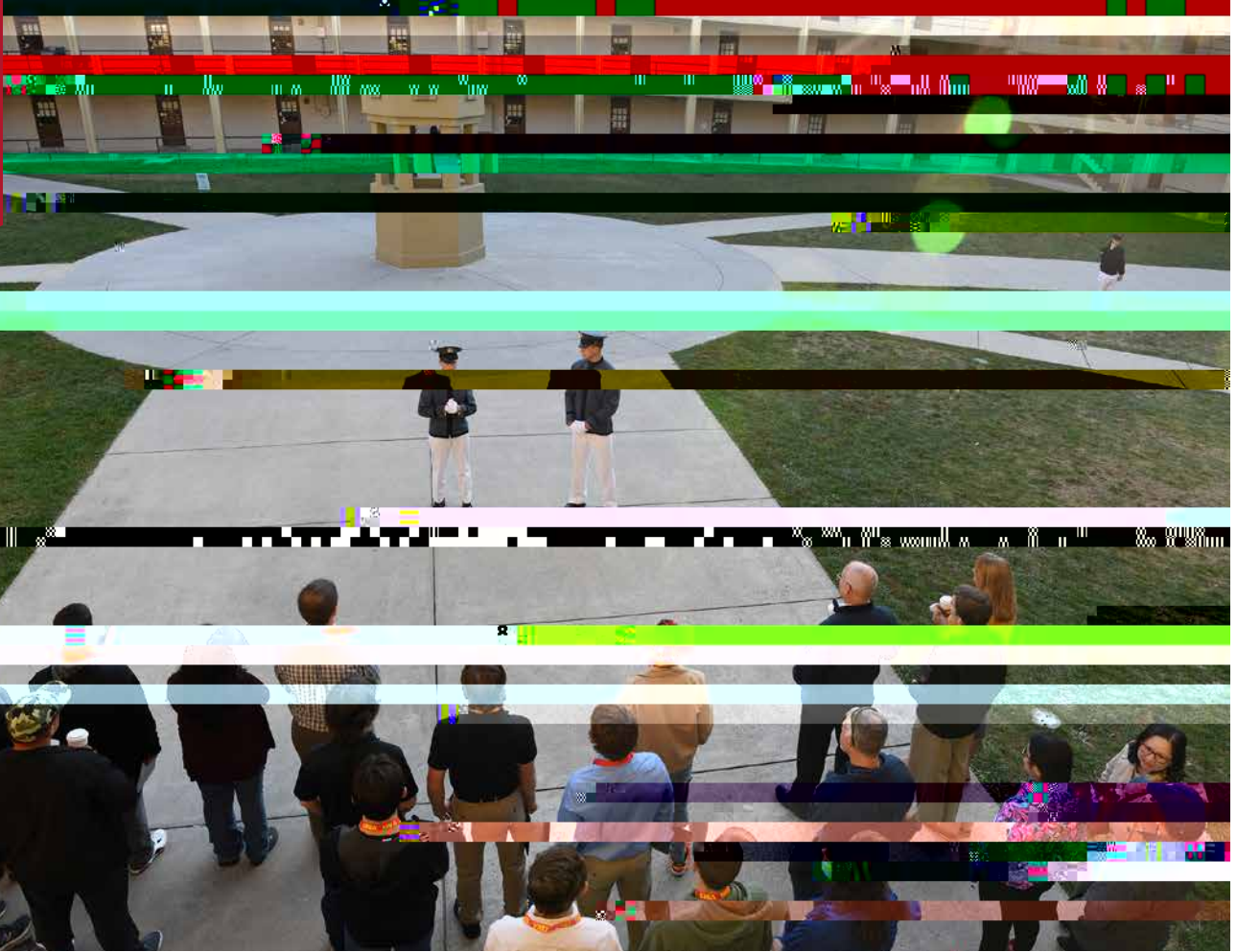
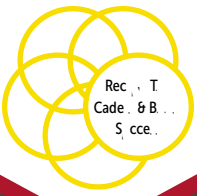
Minors and Concentrations

- » Aerospace Engineering
- » Arabic
- » Art History and Visual Culture
- » Asian Studies
- » Astronomy
- » Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (BMB)
- » Business
- » Chemistry
- » Chinese
- » Computer and Information Sciences
- » Computer Engineering
- » Construction Management
- » Cybersecurity
- » Decision Analytics
- » Ecology, Conservation, and Environmental Science

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Considering VMI? Visit Us!

Prospective cadets and their families take advantage of the interactive experience of the admissions open houses, with three offered in the fall semester and three in the spring semester. Each offer a two-day program for students and their guardians to meet current cadets, hear from administration, visit academic departments, and eat in the mess hall. Prospective cadets have the opportunity to stay in barracks for a night with a rat host.

At VMI?

We Support You and Want to See You Succeed!

VMI's support offices have one purpose: to further cadet success. All cadets are encouraged to take advantage of the assistance provided by:

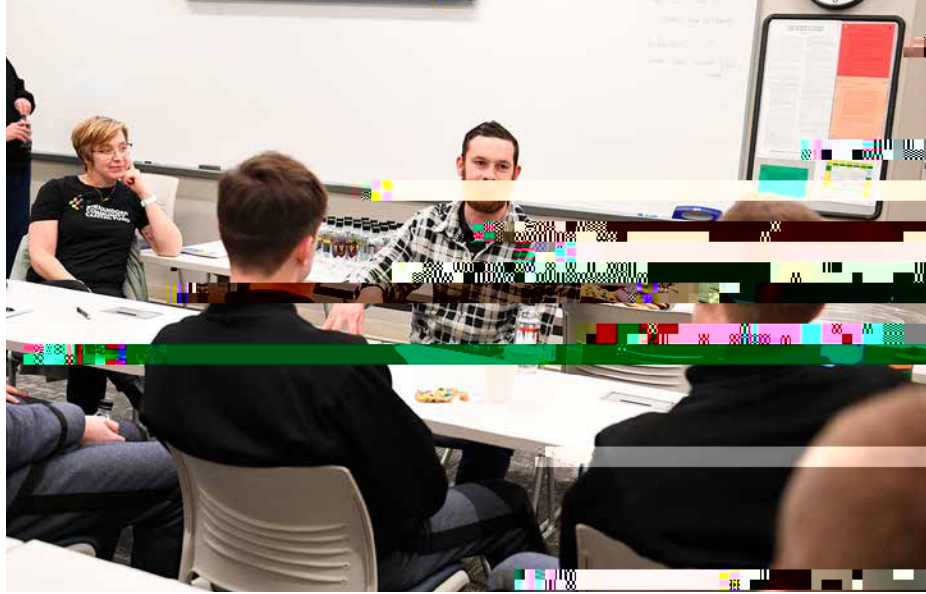
- » Office of Career Services
- » Miller Academic Center
- » Mathematics Education and Resource Center
- » Writing Center
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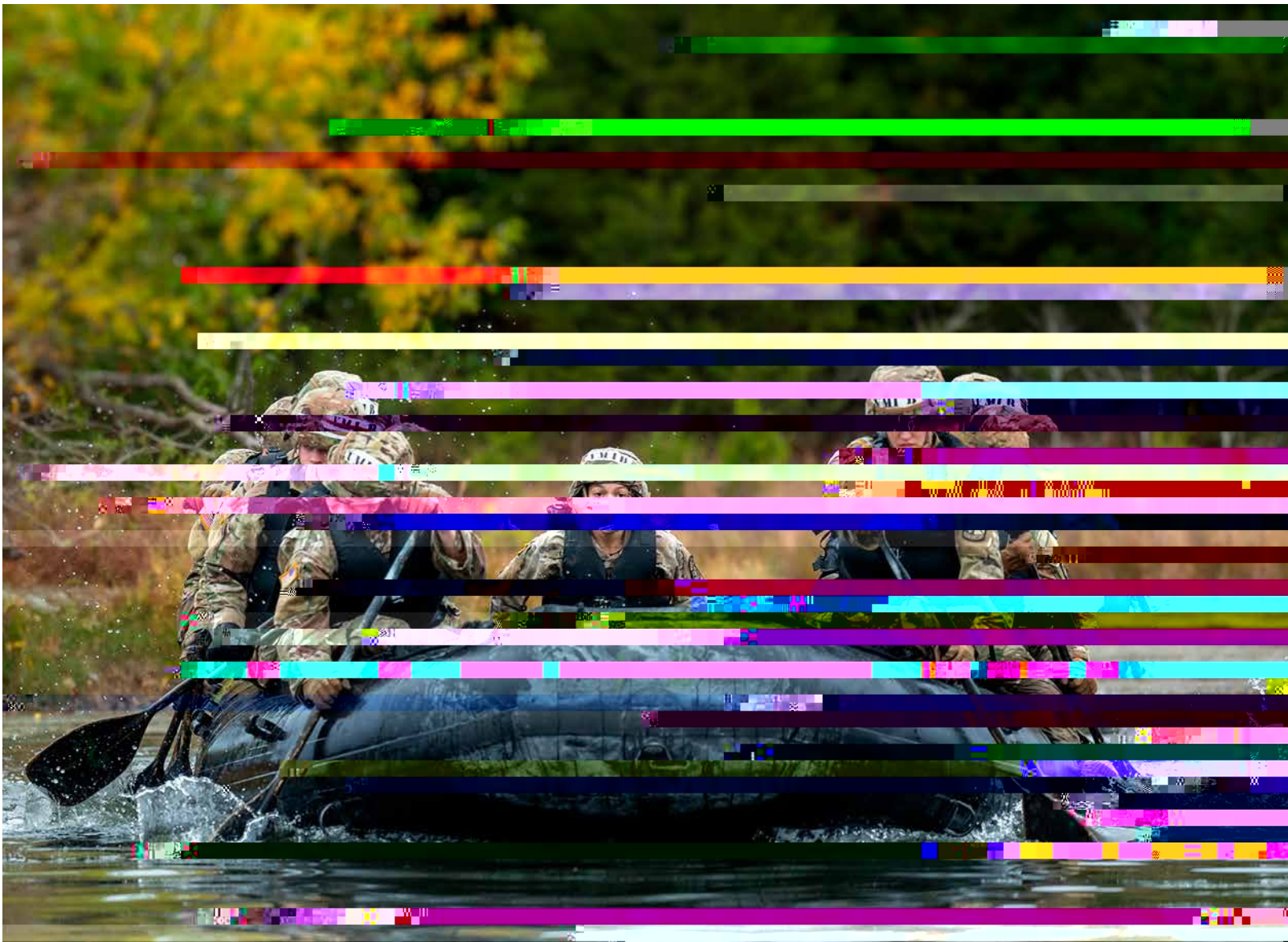
Collaborative Entrepreneurship Expands Horizons for Cadets

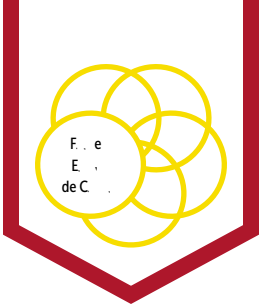
The new Summer Undergraduate Entrepreneurship Program (SUEP) is for cadets who possess the mindset of an entrepreneur, regardless of academic major. Through the support of the Jackson-Hope Fund, cadets participating in the program receive three tuition-free elective credits, with room and board provided at no cost to them. SUEP consists of a five-week summer course, field trips to start-up companies and incubators, and interaction with guest speakers who are alumni and business leaders. Collaborative partnerships with private and military organizations are an integral part of the initiative, with established partnerships with Shenandoah Community Capital Fund (SCCF), an entrepreneurial support organization in Staunton, and the U.S. Army Research Laboratory in Adelphi, Maryland.

One of the eight cadets enrolled in the new course is Simon T. Bucknor '25, from Loudoun County, Virginia. As



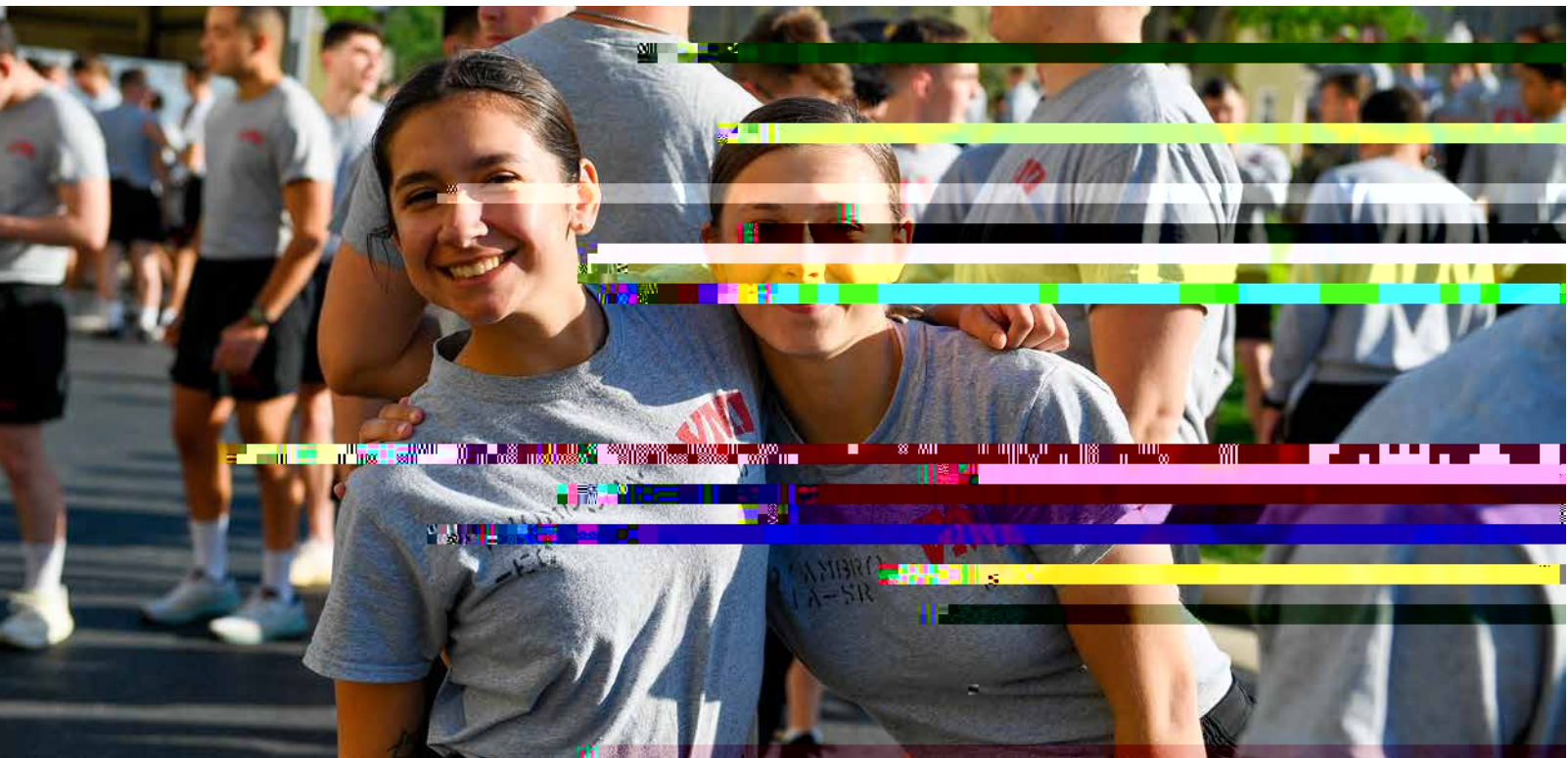
a mechanical engineering major pursuing an aerospace concentration, Bucknor has spent a lot of his time as a cadet repeatedly solving technical problems. "This

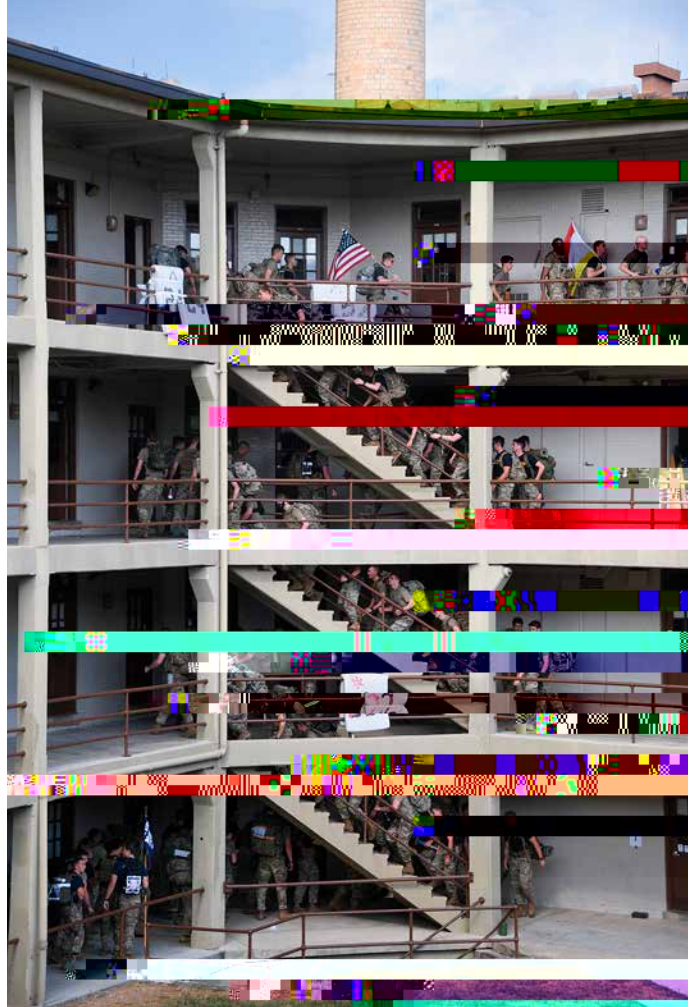




Foster Esprit de Corps

While a VMI cadetship is challenging from the very start, there is no lack of support through the tough moments. In addition to the strong brother rat spirit looking out for one another, there are opportunities and services on post that foster an environment of success, belonging, safety, and encouragement. And, believe it or





9/11 Stair Climb

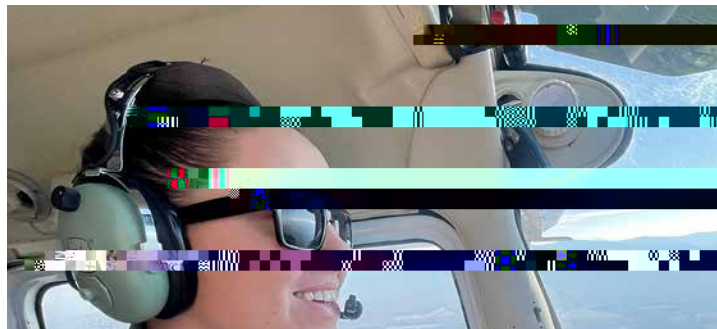
The Corps of Cadets continues to honor those who perished in the 9/11 terrorist attacks by climbing 110 stories in barracks, replicating the number of stairs first responders at the World Trade Center climbed during the rescue attempt, and in memory of those who lost their lives that day. Cadets taped the name of a 9/11 victim on the back of their rucks, including two VMI alumni



who perished, Lt. Cmdr. David Williams '91, and Charles Mathers '62. Some cadets took turns carrying a piece of glass recovered from the rubble of the Twin Towers, as well as an American flag recovered from ground zero.

During the most recent stair climb, Institute chaplain, Col. John P. Casper '04 shared with the Corps his own experience being a 20-year-old 3rd Class cadet on September 11, 2001. "We began to see the gravity of the situation, that life would never be the same. In the following weeks and months, some cadets left. They enlisted immediately, and came back to graduate at a later time. But there is a spirit in barracks, a spirit of resiliency, a spirit of VMI that only cadets and graduates can really understand and know," he said, then led the Corps in prayer.

At the completion of the climb, the Rat Mass, who had been at VMI less than a month, received their shoulder boards.

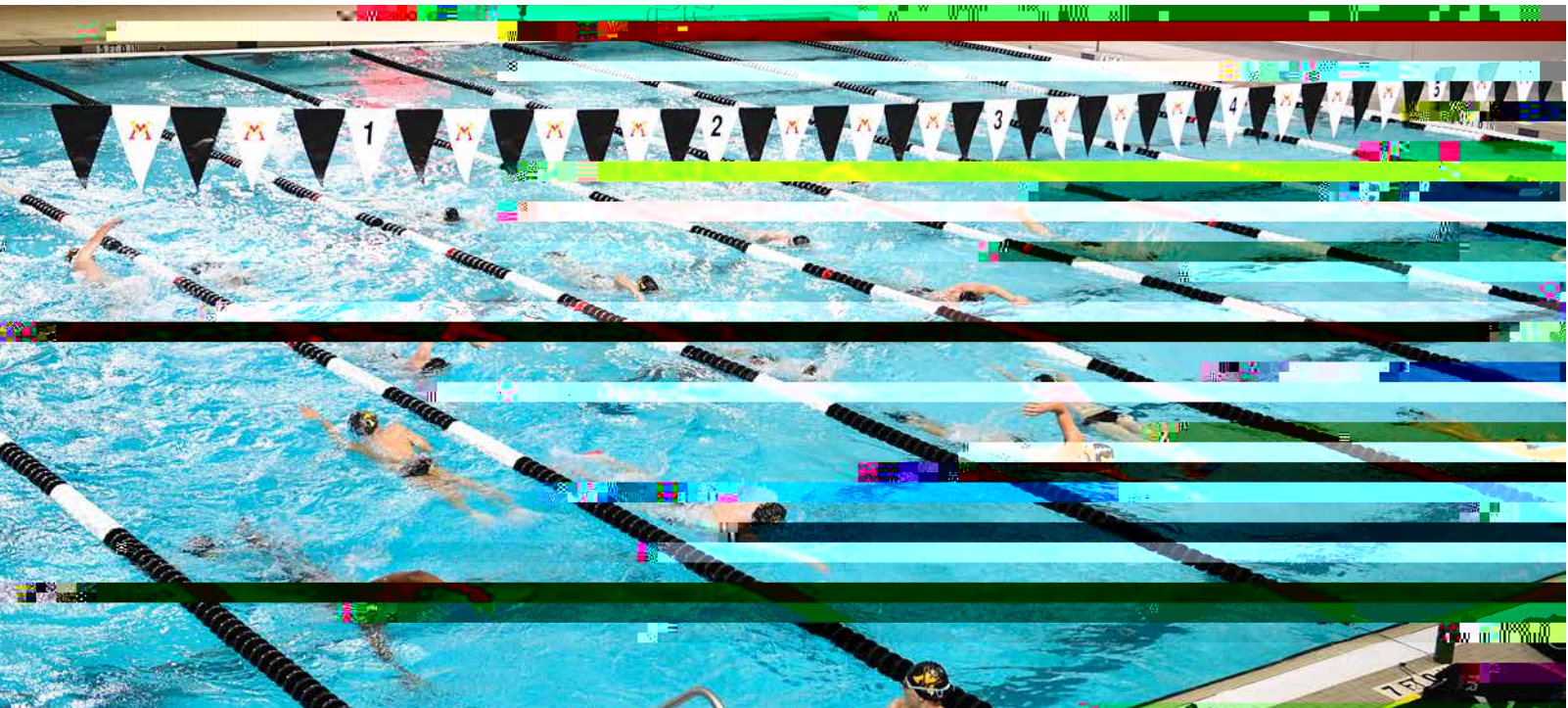


A few of the clubs available

- » Aviation
- » Bass Fishing
- » Building BRIDGES
- » Promaji
- » Rugby
- » Scuba
- » Theater
- » Triathlon
- » Rock Climbing
- » Powerlifting
- » Glee Club
- » Fire Fighting
- » Boxing
- » Drone Club

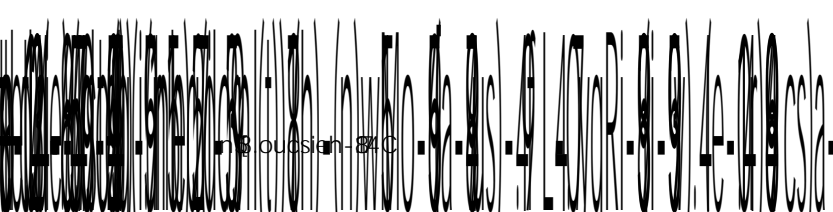
Deliver 21st Century Facilities

The Institute continues to advance with renovations, enhanced safety measures, transportation improvements, and new construction projects. Facilities are maintained to maximize efficiency, sustainability, and cadet support. In the past few years, Scott Shipp Hall, home to multiple departments' classrooms and offices, underwent a \$43 million renovation and expansion; Preston Library underwent a \$19.2 million renovation to upgrade the facility and provide more study spaces; the Lackey Park parking lot became available for cadet vehicles; VMI Police moved into their modern headquarters on Letcher Avenue; and a new videoboard was installed in Foster Stadium. Up next is an expansion and renovation of Nichols Engineering Building. In the coming years, a new alumni building will replace Moody Hall, and a new building and parking structure will be added adjacent to Marshall Hall that will house the VMI Museum and additional classrooms. These projects, along with City of Lexington initiatives, will impact post parking and traffic.



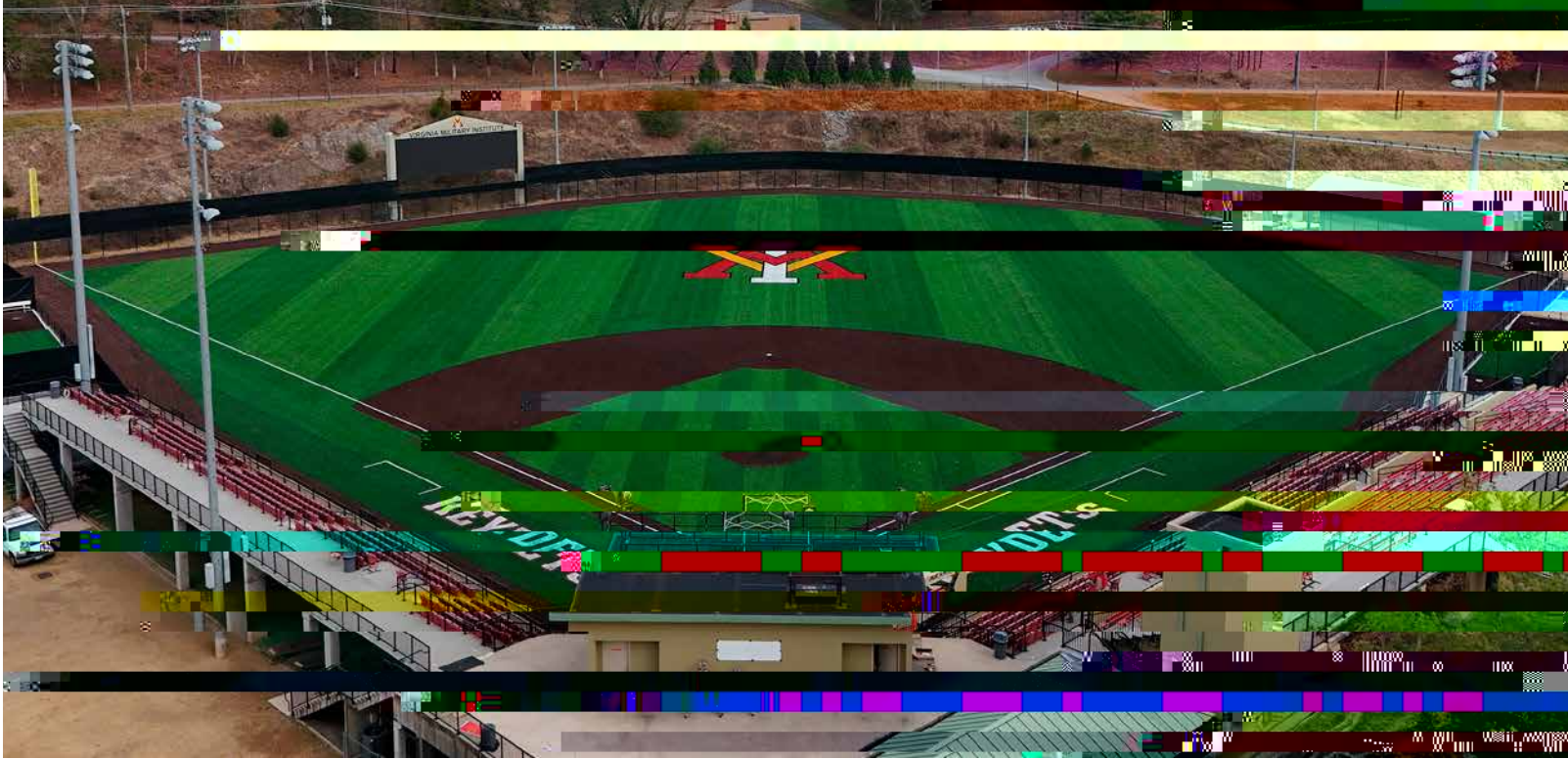
Take a Dive in the New Aquatic Center

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During the three-game series against The Citadel, the baseball team, along with leadership and special guests, recognized Michael Lamore, '85 and dedicated Lamore Field at Gray-Minor Stadium. The all-weather AstroTurf field with new drainage system, larger dugouts, and updated bullpens were completed prior to the 2024 season.



Upcoming: Safety and Security Enhancements

The goal of the Post-Wide Safety and Security project is to set up a system of vehicular gates and barricades that could be deployed as needed to shut down post or the area around the Parade Ground in the event of an emergency or to provide additional safety and quiet streets during cadet training.

Barracks safety will also be improved in coming years with the replacement of exterior doors and hardware, the replacement of windows and window frames in portions of barracks, an upgraded camera system, and updates to technology within barracks.



A group of students in red t-shirts and blue pants are cheering and raising their arms at an event. One student in the foreground has a red t-shirt with "MILITARY CLASS OF THE SOUTH" printed on it. The background shows a large indoor arena with bright lights and a crowd of people.

Athletics

VMI competes in Division I of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). The Institute fields men's teams for baseball, basketball, cross country, football, lacrosse, rifle, soccer, swimming and diving, track and field, and wrestling. For women, NCAA sports offered are cross country, rifle, soccer, swimming and diving, track and field, and water polo.

Alumnus Named New Athletic Director

Jamaal Walton '07, a decorated graduate of the Institute, joined VMI in June as director of intercollegiate athletics.

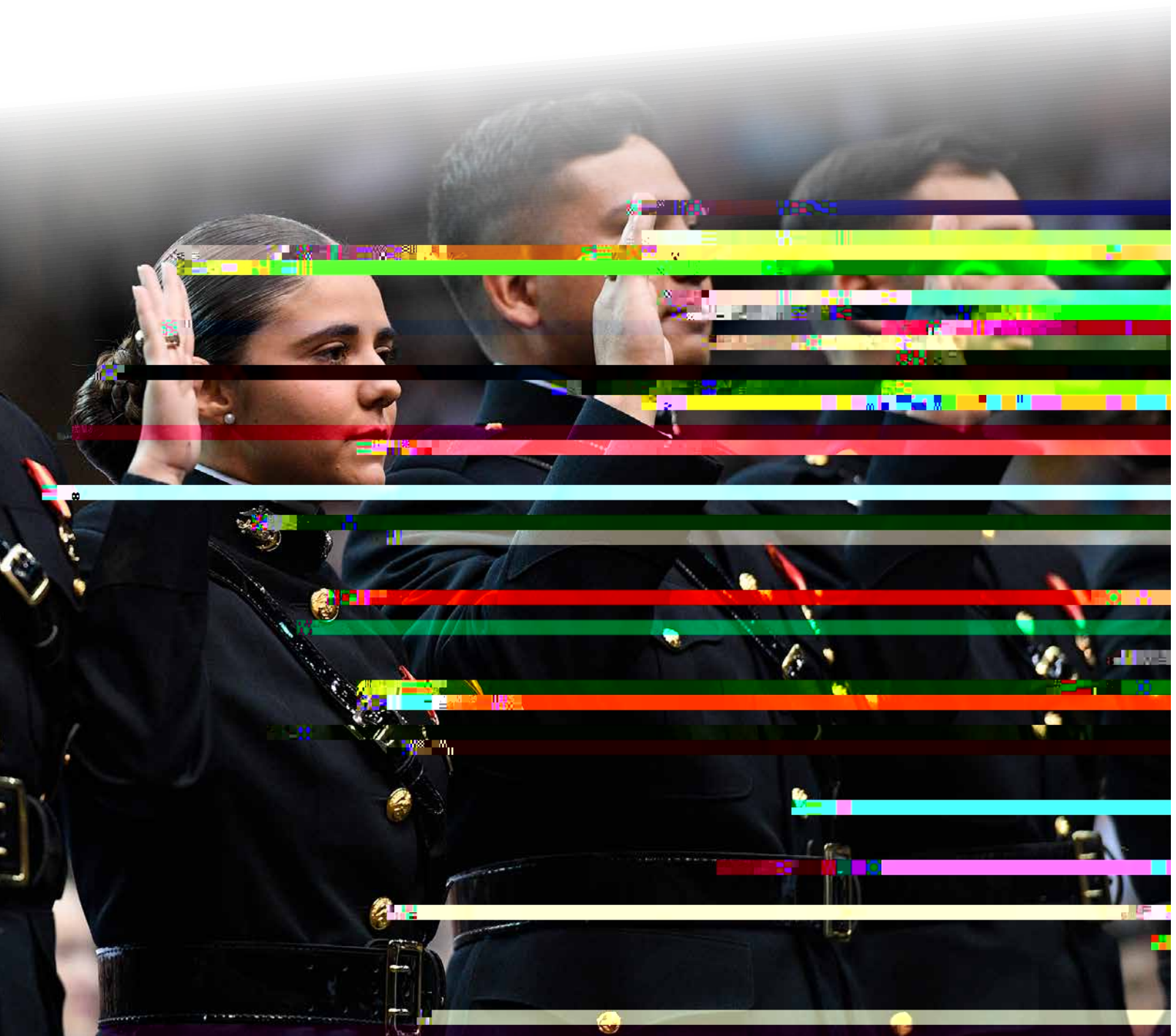
Walton returned to post after serving as the University of Washington's senior associate athletic director for strategic initiatives since July 2021. Walton's fiscal oversight at Washington included programs such as men's basketball and baseball, the athletics partnership with Adidas, its equipment department, and the Husky Band and Spirit programs, among others.

As a cadet, he was class president, and earned the

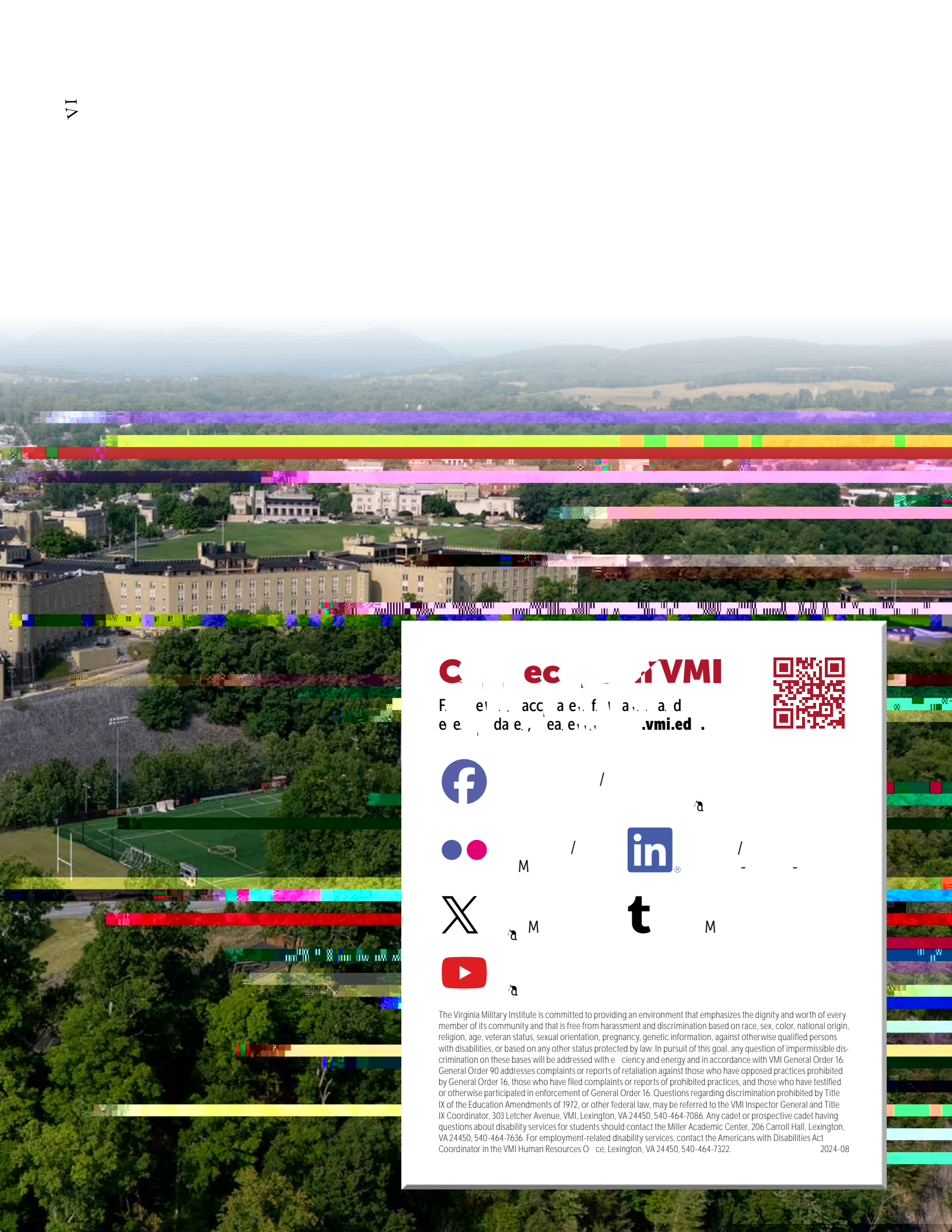
A few highlights from 2023–24 Keydet athletics:



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