Vision
Inspire Women. Impact the World.

Mission
To ignite, connect, and celebrate women who make a difference in their own ways

Website
advancement.dsa.vt.edu/iwill.html

Council Membership Structure
• Twenty members who are not current VT employees or students
• Six constituency members who are not affiliated with Student Affairs
  • Current undergraduate student
  • Current graduate student
  • Teaching and research faculty
  • Administrative/professional faculty
  • University staff
  • Alumni Association representative
• I WILL Council membership is a volunteer service opportunity with the understanding that no compensation will be provided in exchange, including no reimbursement for travel or lodging

Council Membership Terms
• Members serve for a three-year term with the opportunity to renew one time for an additional three-year term
• Undergraduate and graduate student representatives serve for a one-year term with the opportunity to renew for a second year

I WILL Council Member Responsibilities
• Prepare for and participate in council meetings that occur three times each calendar year (typically in summer, fall, and spring)
• Make a minimum annual financial contribution of $1,000 to the Student Affairs Annual Fund, the Elizabeth “Betsy” Flannigan Women in Leadership and Philanthropy Endowed Lecture Fund (ELF), or the I WILL Inaugural Council Endowed Fund
• Support the council’s mission, purposes, goals, and programs while contributing expertise in the identification of program strengths and needs
• Assist with recruitment of new members
• Participate in associated functions when possible, i.e., Virginia Tech Women’s Weekend, Flannigan ELF-sponsored events, etc.

To learn more about getting involved in I WILL, contact Lee Hawthorne, Ph.D., Chief of Staff for the Vice President for Student Affairs, at 540-231-6272 or hawthor@vt.edu.
I will...ignite, connect, and celebrate women who will make a difference in their own ways! This is the mission of a leadership education initiative focused on Inspiring Women in Lifelong Leadership (I WILL).

I WILL’s vision is simple: inspire women; impact the world. Student Affairs is spearheading the I WILL endeavor, which provides support for students when they are developing leadership skills to embark on their careers. Opportunities offered by I WILL provide continued mentorship and leadership for women in the university community and beyond, in the spirit of *Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve).

Advancing women’s leadership education and development opportunities are of utmost importance. Providing inspiring, transformational, and meaningful connections across backgrounds, academic disciplines, and leadership experiences can be incredibly rewarding and beneficial to the student experience.

Fourteen women made up the inaugural I WILL Council, a group that comprised alumnae, friends of the university, and faculty and staff representatives interested in developing leadership education opportunities for women. Encompassing women from different backgrounds, ages, career fields, and expertise, the I WILL Council is intentional in its focus on diversity of leadership opportunities and styles.

For two years, the group met and planned, quietly working behind the scenes to improve prospects for women leaders. In 2016, as the university celebrated 95 years of women at Virginia Tech, the I WILL initiative was launched.

The success of I WILL relies on the involvement of alumni, friends of Virginia Tech, and others in the Hokie Nation. Through advisory council membership, serving as a mentor, course offerings, lecture series participation, or financial support, you can become part of helping Virginia Tech women succeed personally and professionally.

To learn more about how you can get involved and support this vital program, contact Lee Hawthorne, Ph.D., Chief of Staff for the Vice President for Student Affairs, at 540-231-6272 or hawthor@vt.edu.