

# Task Force Overview

- Formed in 2023 with the aim to develop recommendations to improve the overall cadet-athlete experience. The Athletics task force is comprised of:
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  - Emily Fulton '18
  - Jamaal Walton '07
  - Gene Scott '80
  - Steve Hupp '84
  - Jay Johnson
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- The twenty-five (25) recommendations were organized into seven (7) categories. The categories are as follows:
  - Value of VMI Athletics
  - Cadet-Athlete Health & Well-Being
  - Athletics Budget
  - Facilities
  - Sports Sponsorship
  - Staffing
  - Conference Affiliation
  - Communications



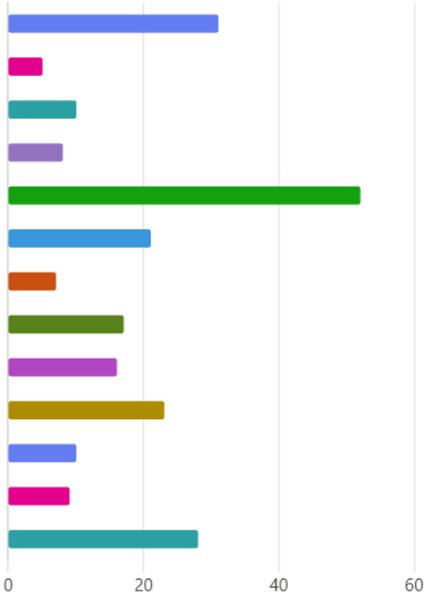
# Task Force Recommendations for 2025 - 2026

- The Institute should hire a full-time nutritionists who supports the Corps and cadet-athletes. (Recommendation 11)
- Rat training should cease when Rats enter Crozet Hall. (Recommendation 12)
- Current cadet-athlete fueling stations should be prioritized and enhanced. (Recommendation 13)
- Strategies and goals should be developed to address coaches, and staff compensation, increasing the number of assistant coaches, health care for cadet-athletes, professional development, and onboarding. (Recommendation 22)
- Academic regulations should be modified to permit VMI graduates to continue their education (ie. Second major, minor). (Recommendation 6)
- Athletics should play a significant role in the next VMI fundraising campaign. For example, in accordance with the Institute's 3-legged stool concept, athletics should account for 1/3 of the total campaign goal.
- VMI has quality competition venues for many of its NCAA athletic teams (CPTF, Aquatic Center, Base Turf). However, our competition venues for FB, MBB, M/W Soc and Lax and other cadet-athletes facilities need a refresh.



# Cadet-Athlete Survey Data – 233 responses

● Baseball	31
● Basketball	5
● Men's Cross Country/Track and Field	10
● Women's Cross Country/Track and Field	8
● Football	52
● Lacrosse	21
● Rifle	7
● Men's Soccer	17
● Women's Soccer	16
● Men's Swimming and Diving	23
● Women's Swimming and Diving	10
● Water Polo	9
● Wrestling	28



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2. Please rank the following areas based on their impact on your success in your sport at VMI, with 1 being the greatest positive impact and 9 being the greatest negative impact.

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3. Please provide any additional comments about your ranking of the above items:

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Responses

Latest Responses

"Rest of Recovery has a lot to do with my major: Civil Engineering"

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20 respondents (21%) answered sleep for this question.



# Cadet-Athlete Survey Data – 233 responses

4. What do you believe should be the top priorities for Keydet athletics and why?

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Responses

Latest Responses

"Improving barracks life"  
"Nutrition & Rehab. Those two things we can control & have a huge impact o..."  
"Nutrition. What we eat and the quality is a lot. It was separates us from a lot ..."

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73 respondents (34%) answered Nutrition for this question.

