The College of William and Mary is committed to the development of its students as whole human beings, in mind, body, and spirit. As part of that commitment the College offers a broad based intramural and intercollegiate athletic program in the belief that athletic participation promotes sound physical being, fosters strength of character, and builds leadership qualities. The athletic program is built around the concept of the student-athlete, in which intellectual and athletic achievements are complementary and supportive. As such it is an integral, vital part of the institution. Moreover, a competitively successful intercollegiate athletic program plays a significant role in generating support for the College among its alumni and friends and enhances the image of William and Mary as an institution of regional and national standing.

The athletic program at William and Mary is broad based. Students are offered a wide range of club, intramural, and recreational sports programs that meet their interests, skills, and needs. The breadth of the intercollegiate program is defined by a traditionally large number of varsity teams and participants, which complement a diverse liberal arts institution. Resources do not permit nationally competitive teams in every sport, but William and Mary seeks to build teams of national and regional prominence at the Division 1 NCAA level in several sports.

William and Mary is committed to the principle of gender equity, to offering appropriate opportunities for athletic participation to male and female students at the College, and in compliance with the requirements of Title IX. The revenues available for intercollegiate athletics at the College are used to support the men and women’s athletic teams in equitable fashion.

In some instances student-athletes of unusual ability may be extended special consideration in admission, provided they are judged capable of achieving academic success at the College. Athletic grants-in-aid, in revenue and Olympic Sports, are awarded to both men and women in accordance with the guidelines and rules of the NCAA, and to the extent that the financial resources of the College permit. Although student-athletes do not receive special privileges when registering for classes, reasonable efforts are made to allow athletes to obtain class schedules that minimize scheduling conflicts between their academic and athletic commitments.

Student fees may be used to meet the financial requirements of Olympic sports program, including grants-in-aid for men and women, and for the intramural/recreational sports program. These programs may also be supported by contributions from interested alumni and friends of the College and by gate receipts that they may generate, and they may be supported whenever possible by revenues generated by the revenue-producing sports. The financial requirements of the revenue sports, excluding grants-in-aid, are supported by gate receipts, student fees, marketing, Zable Stadium and William and Mary Hall concessions, and the contributions of interested alumni and friends of the College. Grants-in-aid for revenue sports are funded by revenues generated by those sports, by
endowment revenue, and by contributions to the William and Mary Athletic Educational Foundation (Tribe Club). Student fees provide all students the opportunity to attend all regular-season home intercollegiate athletic events without additional cost.

The financial operation of the intercollegiate athletic program is consistent with the overall fiscal policy of the College. Revenues and expenditures for the program are closely monitored.

No private funds of the College are used to support, in full or in part, the intercollegiate or intramural/recreational programs except in those instances in which gifts and endowments are specifically designated by the donor for that purpose. The intercollegiate athletic program is not permitted to operate at a deficit and is expected to annually operate in a balanced fiscal position.