

Comparison of the “Purpose Statement” from Articles of Incorporation.

Since 1845 the “purpose” of our institution has always included female education. This purpose, while evolving over time, has maintained a commitment that Mary Baldwin be (at a minimum) for the purpose of education “primarily of women” (See below.) While the following contain only excerpts of the purpose statement from each recorded Charter/Restated and Amended Articles of Incorporation relevant to the issue of a female centered institution, there is another notable change in the 2016 amendment, namely that all references to religion and Christian heritage, including the commitment that 1/3 of the Trustees be designated as “Synodical Trustees” in order to “perpetuate the historical association of the College with the Presbyterian Church in the United States.” See below.

In short, the foundations upon what our institution has readopted time and time again for over 170 years have been wiped from the 2016 Amendments. There remains no reference or purpose for a Women centered institution.

Excerpts of the purpose statements since 1845 follow, highlighted for ease of reference.

### 1845- Augusta Female Seminary

CHAP. 121.—An ACT to incorporate the Augusta female seminary.

[Passed, January 30, 1845.]

1. *Be it enacted by the general assembly, That for the purpose of facilitating and enlarging the operation of a female school in the town of Staunton and county of Augusta, Francis M'Farland, James Crawford, William Brown, Adam Link, John M'Cue, David Fultz, Addison Waddell, Solomon J. Love, J. Marshall M'Cue, William Frazier, Alexander S. Hall, William M. Tate, James A. Cochran and Benjamin M. Smith, and their successors, be and they are hereby constituted as trustees a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of “The Augusta Female Seminary,” and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, may sue and be sued,*

## 1895- Mary Baldwin Seminary

(name changed, purpose stayed the same)

CHAP. 5.—An ACT to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act passed January 30, 1845, entitled an act to incorporate the Augusta female seminary.

Approved December 14, 1895.

1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of Virginia, That the first section of an act passed January thirtieth, eighteen hundred and forty-five, entitled an act to incorporate the Augusta female seminary, be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

§ 1. That for the purpose of facilitating and enlarging the operation of a female school in the city of Staunton and county of Augusta, Francis McFarland, James Crawford, William Beames, Adam

## 1923- Mary Baldwin College

(a) The name of the corporation shall be "Mary Baldwin College."

(b) The principal office in this State is to be located in the City of Staunton, State of Virginia, and the post-office address of the corporation shall be Staunton, Virginia.

(c) The purposes for which the corporation is formed are to establish, erect, own, operate and conduct an institution for the instruction of women and girls in the various branches of liberal arts and sciences, fine arts and practical arts, any or all, and including the Holy Scriptures, said institution consisting of two parts of a unified system of education, one part for the education of women of collegiate grade to be known as Mary Baldwin College, and the other part for the education of pupils of a sub-collegiate grade to be known as Mary Baldwin Seminary (or Academy,

### 1939- Mary Baldwin College Amended Charter

(c). The said Corporation is constituted for the purpose of establishing, owning, conducting and perpetuating a college, under the name of Mary Baldwin College, for the higher education of women in the various branches of literature, arts, and science, including the Holy scriptures, in or near the City of Staunton, State of Virginia, under auspices distinctly Christian in faith and practice, and all departments of the College shall be open alike to students of any religion or sect, and no denominational or sectarian test shall be imposed in the admission of students.

### 1957 Mary Baldwin College Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation

B. The said Corporation is constituted for the purpose of establishing, owning, conducting and perpetuating a college, under the name of Mary Baldwin College, for the higher education of women in the various branches of literature, arts, and science, including the Holy Scriptures, in or near the City of Staunton, State of Virginia, under auspices distinctly Christian in faith and practice, and all departments of the College shall be open alike to students of any religion or sect, and no denominational or sectarian test shall be imposed in the admission of students.



1970 Mary Baldwin College Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation

B. The said Corporation is constituted for the purpose of establishing, owning, conducting and perpetuating a college, under the name of Mary Baldwin College, in or near the City of Staunton, State of Virginia, for the higher education primarily of women in the various branches of literature, arts, and science, including the Holy Scriptures, under auspices distinctly Christian in faith and practice, and all departments of the College shall be open alike without regard to race or creed to all qualified students, and no denominational or sectarian test shall be imposed in the admission of students or in the selection of faculty.

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1980 Mary Baldwin College Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation

The said Corporation is constituted for the purposes of:

- (1) Establishing, owning, conducting and perpetuating a college, under the name of Mary Baldwin College, in or near the City of Staunton, Commonwealth of Virginia, for the higher education primarily of women in the various branches of literature, arts and science, under auspices which reflect the rich and continuing Christian heritage of the institution; and
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1989 Mary Baldwin College Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation

B. The said Corporation is constituted for the purposes of:

- (1) Establishing, owning, conducting and perpetuating a college, under the name of Mary Baldwin College, in or near the City of Staunton, Commonwealth of Virginia, for the higher education primarily of women in the various branches of literature, arts and science, under auspices which reflect the rich and continuing Christian heritage of the institution; and
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2016 Mary Baldwin University Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation

B. The said Corporation is constituted for the purposes of:

- 1) Establishing, owning, conducting, and perpetuating a university, under the name of Mary Baldwin University, in or near the City of Staunton, Commonwealth of Virginia, to provide undergraduate, graduate, and professional higher education.
  - 2) Transacting any or all lawful affairs, not required to be specifically stated herein, for which such a corporation may be incorporated under Virginia law.
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Excerpt from 1989 Amended Restated Articles re: Synodical Trustees

unexpired terms.

- (3) In order to perpetuate the historic association of the College with the Presbyterian Church in the United States and the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, as many as one-third of the Trustees of the College (other than Alumnae Trustees) may be designated by the Board as Synodical Trustees. Such Trustees shall reside within the geographical boundaries of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic. The Board may seek suggestions for nominations for Synodical Trustees through the offices of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, but election by the Board shall be final.
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