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The first honorary degree from the College, a Master of Arts, was conferred upon Benjamin Franklin on April 2, 1756. William & Mary Four Presidents of the United States benefited from educational programs offered by the College: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe and John Tyler. Chartered in 1693, the College was founded nearly four decades before Georgia, the last of the original 13 American colonies, was chartered by King George II in 1732. Facts About The College • W&M was founded in 1693 and is the second-oldest educational institution in the **United States.** • W&M was the highest ranked small public university in the country according to U.S. **News and World Report.** W&M ranked 16th in graduation rates for national universities. Constructed between 1695 and • W&M was given the highest rating of academics, five stars, by the Fiske Guide to 1699, the Wren Building is the oldest academic building in the United States. The building was originally designed to be the whole college, including a dining hall, dorm rooms and classrooms. W&M has a student/faculty ratio of 12/1. • More W&M graduates go on to earn doctorates than any other university in Virginia. • W&M students founded Phi Beta Kappa, the The Sunken Gardens' design was based on the gardens behind Chelsea Hospital in London, premier academic honor society in American, England. During the Revolutionary War, Patrick in 1776. Henry selected the site as a place for the encamp-• In the inaugural NCAA Academic Progress ment of militia destined to join Washington's Report, W&M boasted the fourth-best APR Continental Army in the North and later served as score (992) among 328 active and provisional a bivouac area for many soldiers preparing to fight the British at Yorktown. institutions, and W&M leads all programs that offer performance-based grants and financial aid to scholar-athletes. November 11, 1750. This was the first student secret society in America and the forerunner of the American fraternity system.

The Crim Dell was a gift from the class of 1964 to preserve the natural beauty of the area and is a memorial to John W.H. Crim, a nationally known attorney who was a benefactor to the College of William and Mary.

When the capitol of Virginia was moved from Jamestown to Williamsburg in 1699, the Wren Building served as temporary headquarters of the colonial government from 1700 until 1704.



