


**UVA DARDEN**

# WOMEN AT DARDEN

From left: Class of 2021 students Emily Kelly, Rachel Barnes, Alexa Diaz, Ann Joseph, Zarina Khan

**AT DARDEN, EVERY STUDENT IS ENCOURAGED TO PURSUE THEIR WHY — THEIR PERSONAL CHALLENGE — TO DEVELOP THE MODERN LEADER WITHIN. DARDEN WOMEN MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT EVERY DAY AT THE SCHOOL, IN THE COMMUNITY AND IN BUSINESSES AROUND THE WORLD.**

## BEST EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

Teaching through the case method, every class is spontaneous yet deliberate, prepping job-ready students for the true pace of business. No lectures, no clock watching: Over the course of the MBA program, students engage in more than 500 business cases taught by Darden's top-ranked faculty, broadening perspectives through thoughtful debate, discussion and analysis. It's what *The Economist* has called the No. 1 Education Experience in the United States — nine years in a row.

## WOMEN AT DARDEN

Darden continues to move the needle on gender equity — welcoming a record-setting 40% women to the Class of 2021. The **1:1 program** for prospective students provides a personalized introduction to Darden's supportive community, pairing a candidate with a female student mentor. We also partner with **Forté**, a

nonprofit working to launch women into successful and significant careers. We select Forté Fellows each year who receive scholarships, and every woman at Darden receives free premium membership in Forté. Darden **Graduate Women in Business (GWIB)** is a student-run organization that connects, empowers and celebrates the next generation of women leaders. Learn more about how Darden empowers women to achieve their professional and personal aspirations on our website.

## ALUMNI NETWORK

You'll find Darden graduates at the core of organizations like McKinsey & Co., Amazon, Google and JPMorgan Chase. Upon admission, students gain access to a network of 17,000 Darden alumni in 90 countries. Our alumni are known for being highly accessible to current students and serve as Forté peer advisers.

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# WHY DARDEN?

## RANKINGS

#1

Education Experience in the U.S.  
(*The Economist*, 2011–19)

#1

Satisfaction With MBA Education  
(*Forbes*, 2017–19)

#1

Student Rating of Faculty  
(*The Economist*, 2017–19)

#1

Best Professors  
(*The Princeton Review*, 2017–19)

#1

MBA for General Management  
(*Financial Times*, 2013–17, 2019)

#1

MBA for Corporate Social Responsibility  
(*Financial Times*, 2019)

#1

Best MBA for Consulting  
(*The Princeton Review*, 2018)

## OPPORTUNITY

### Top Hiring Companies

amazon

Deloitte.

BAIN & COMPANY

McKinsey & Company

accenture

JPMORGAN CHASE & CO.

wayfair

pwc

Microsoft

BCG

## FACTS & FIGURES

### MBA Class of 2021 Profile

Students Enrolled	336
Women	40%
Countries Represented	38
Average GPA	3.5
Average GMAT	713

### Diversity Student Profile

Minority	21%
Underrepresented Minority	13%
International	33%

Class of 2021

### Pre-Darden Industry

Financial Services	21%
Consulting	17%
Technology	14%
Education, Non Profit & Social Enterprises	9%
Government	8%
Media/Communications	6%
Other (Pharma/Biotech/Healthcare, Consumer Packaged Goods, Manufacturing, Energy)	25%

Classes of 2020 and 2021



**17,000**

Darden alumni live in 90 countries.

Global offerings in  
**45 LOCATIONS**  
**ACROSS**  
**31 COUNTRIES.**

\*Data based on 2019–20 academic year. Travel suspended during COVID-19.

**97%\***

of Class of 2019 students received a job offer by three months after graduation.

Average base salary after graduation  
**\$135,168\***

\*Data from the Class of 2019

“I came to Darden for its focus on ethical leadership, its dedication to creating a supportive and inclusive community, and its belief in being your authentic self. Having come from the male-dominated consulting industry prior to Darden, I have been incredibly inspired by all of Darden’s female leaders, including current students, faculty and staff, and alumni and can’t wait to welcome more amazing women into the Darden community.”

**Maggie Edmunds (Class of 2021)**  
President, Graduate Women in Business



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## DIVERSITY CONFERENCE

1–3 October 2020

## 2020–21 APPLICATION DEADLINES

**EARLY ACTION:** 2 September 2020

**ROUND 1:** 5 October 2020

**ROUND 2:** 4 January 2021

**ROUND 3:** 7 April 2021

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