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Making the Grade: Tracey (Jones) Poirier '96



In 1996, Tracey Jones, now **Brigadier General Tracey Poirier**, became Norwich University's first student to receive a prestigious Rhodes Scholarship.

Tracey graduated from Norwich in 1996 with a Bachelor's degree in English and Communications. As a Rhodes Scholarship recipient, she earned two Master's Degrees from Oxford University in England, one in Anthropology and one in Human Resource Management.

The prestigious Rhodes Scholarship, established in 1902, is the world's oldest graduate scholarship. International Rhodes Scholarship recipients are selected based on a set of guiding criteria that include academic excellence; energy to fully use one's talents (as demonstrated by mastery in sports, music, debate, dance, theater, and artistic pursuits); and the moral force of character and instincts to lead.



Tracey began her professional career as a Marine Corps Public Affairs Officer. Following eight years of active military duty, she transitioned to the Army National Guard while beginning her civilian career. She was hired by Norwich University where she ultimately became the Assistant Vice President for Leadership and Student Experience, while still serving in uniform for the Vermont National Guard.

Tracey went on to become the first female army general officer in the Vermont Army National Guard.

Records documenting women's history and experience at Norwich are available through the University Archives. <https://archives.norwich.edu/>

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Military Women's Memorial, Arlington, VA
 - Friday, September 20, 2024 - [Women Kicking Glass Gala.](#) Plumley Armory,
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