

The logo for the Women's League of Washington College (celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2026, as the organization was founded in 1951) features a stylized tree at its center, encircled by the text "WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF WASHINGTON COLLEGE".



This design is a classic tree of life motif, a powerful and ancient symbol found in many cultures, mythologies, religions, and organizational emblems. In this context, the tree represents several interconnected ideas that align perfectly with the Women's League's mission and history: Growth and longevity — The tree, with its deep roots and expansive branches full of leaves, symbolizes resiliency over time. For an organization marking 75 years, it reflects endurance, continuity, and the lasting impact the League has had on Washington College, its students, and the Chestertown community since its founding by Helen S. Gibson (then First Lady of the College) to foster connections between the college and local women.

Roots in community and foundation — The prominent, intricate root system emphasizes strong foundations, stability, and deep ties to the community. The Women's League has long supported scholarships, civic projects, social events, and activities that benefit the college and its students, "rooting" itself in service, education, and local engagement.

Branching out and nurturing — The wide canopy of leaves represents outreach, nurturing future generations (especially through scholarships and student support), and the spreading of positive influence. Trees provide shelter, oxygen, and life-sustaining elements, mirroring how the League has nurtured connections, opportunities, and growth for women and the broader college ecosystem.

The color scheme reinforces this: the gold tree evokes value, achievement, excellence, and timelessness (gold often signifies enduring worth and success), while the burgundy/maroon border (a rich, deep red) adds warmth, strength, tradition, and vitality—colors associated with Washington College.

Overall, the tree logo beautifully captures the essence of the Women's League as an enduring, nurturing force—deeply rooted in its origins, branching out to support education and

community for 75 years, and continuing to grow into the future. It's a fitting emblem for this anniversary celebration, evoking resilience, legacy, and ongoing vitality.