

# Winter Commencement



*Saturday, December Thirteenth  
Two Thousand and Fourteen*



## Viterbo University

### Identity

*Founded and sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration,  
Viterbo is a Catholic, Franciscan University in the liberal arts tradition.*

### Mission

*The Viterbo University community prepares students  
for faithful service and ethical leadership.*



## **Prayer of St. Francis**

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, pardon.  
Where there is doubt, faith.  
Where there is despair, hope.  
Where there is darkness, light.  
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console.  
To be understood as to understand.  
To be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



# Program

## PROCESSIONAL

### MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Alissa Oelfke, Ph.D., Associate Professor/Director, Center for Adult Learning

### INVOCATION

Laura Nettles, FSPA, M.A., Assistant Professor

### WELCOME

Richard B. Artman, Ph.D., President

### STUDENT ADDRESS

Jasper Duberry '14

### MUSICAL SELECTION

#### *Silent Night*

Arranged by Malcolm Sargent

9th Street Singers,

Jean Saladino, M.M., Director

*Silent Night, holy night. Round thy head a radiant light.  
Lovely boy with golden hair, Parents guard thee with tender care.  
Sleep thou darling one, sleep.*

*Silent Night, holy night. Wise men see the star so bright.  
Hallelujah the angels sing, Shepherds hear and glad tidings bring.  
Christ the Saviour is here.*

*Silent night, holy night. Son of God, O blessed sight.  
On thy lips a sweet smile of love, Sent to earth from the heaven above.  
Christ the Saviour is here. Jesus our Saviour is here.*

### CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DIPLOMAS**

Keith Knutson, Ph.D., Professor, Chair, Faculty Council

**AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS**

Richard B. Artman

Kent Handel, B.S., Chair, Board of Trustees

**CONGRATULATORY REMARKS**

Kent Handel

**ALUMNI WELCOME**

Kathleen Duerwachter '10, Director, Alumni Relations

**PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS**

Joelle (Light) Kaufman '09, '10, Viterbo Alumni Association Board of Directors

**ALMA MATER**

**BENEDICTION**

Fr. Conrad Targonski, OFM, University Chaplain

**RECESSIONAL**

*As a courtesy to the graduates, all guests are requested to remain in their seats during the ceremony and during the recessional until all graduates and faculty have left the main theatre.*



**VITERBO  
UNIVERSITY**



## Commencement Marshals

Beth Dolder-Zieke  
Jennifer Hedrick-Erickson

Debra Murray  
Thomas Neumann



## Commencement Committee

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## Acknowledgements

### 9th Street Singers

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## **The University Seal**

Using symbols and words, the university seal reveals the rich history of Viterbo based on mission and purpose. The original seal, which has twice been slightly modified, was created in the early 1960s by Imogene Thiele, FSPA, a member of the art department.

Designed according to the science of heraldry, the shield located in the center of the seal contains a wealth of information. Clockwise from upper right: the cross symbolizes Christian identity; the wavy lines portray the Black, La Crosse, and Mississippi Rivers, which join forces in La Crosse to provide Viterbo with its unique geographic location; the torch of learning symbolizes the chief function of the university; the rose honors St. Rose of Viterbo, the patron saint of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, the founders of Viterbo.

Beyond the shield, the word “knowledge” is retained from a very early Viterbo motto taken from the Bible: “Teach me goodness, discipline and knowledge” (Ps. 118:66). Later “faith” and “service” were added to complete the virtues to be embodied in a liberal arts education.

The final elements contain basic information specific to Viterbo’s location, in La Crosse, Wis., where the mission of Viterbo University began in 1890. Two small tau crosses are to be found in the outermost ring, proclaiming the Franciscan heritage of Viterbo. The tau was the standard cross in the days of St. Francis, and it is formed by the Greek letter “T.”

With its rich symbolism, the university seal is a constant reminder of Viterbo’s past as well as a guide to the future for all who are here today.

## **The San Damiano Cross**

In lieu of the university mace, which is often the traditional symbol used by institutions of higher learning, the San Damiano Cross has come to represent Viterbo.

The San Damiano Cross is the sacred symbol before which Francis of Assisi prayed and heard God’s commission to “rebuild the church.” This icon was painted sometime shortly after the first millennium, at a time when the authentic humanity of Jesus was becoming more appreciated in the faith life of the people. In the early centuries of the Christian communities, the divinity and royal priesthood of Jesus was emphasized. The San Damiano Cross pictures the luminous figure of the resurrected Christ radiating out from a dark and deathlike background. He presides over an all inclusive cloud of witnesses: companions and friends, souls who have gone before him, and heavenly spirits. All of these figures have the hand of God pictured over them in a blessing. The crucifix is a distinctive art piece used by those who practice a Franciscan spirituality.

The San Damiano Cross is a symbol of the Franciscan heritage and identity of Viterbo. It attempts to stress the promise by God of a future that will respond to human hope. It affirms the continuity between the exercise of human freedom in this world and the final state of things. It draws all into the reality of God’s life. The San Damiano Cross offers a true and contemporary symbol for Franciscan higher education.

# Academic Regalia

The academic dress worn today for ceremonial occasions originated in the universities of the Middle Ages when classrooms were unheated and the academic gown and hood kept scholars warm. It became a distinctive symbol of academic pursuit, setting the academic apart from the non-academic, hence the phrase “gown versus town.”

The gown was standardized in the United States in 1894 when the American Intercollegiate Commission determined that all robes would be black. The master’s robe is distinguishable by long, closed sleeves; the doctor’s gown by a facing of black velvet from the hem to the neck and back, with three velvet bands around each sleeve above the elbow.

The traditional hood, also black, displays significant colors. The lining represents the colors of the university granting the wearer’s highest degree. The color of the hood facing signifies the individual’s academic discipline or school of study.

Although there has been much innovation in gown and cap design in recent years, the standard colors representing the various academic disciplines have remained the same: white (arts and letters), purple (law), scarlet (theology), dark blue (philosophy), yellow (science), brown (fine arts), pink (music), copper (economics), lemon (library science), light brown (business), light blue (education), citron yellow (social work), and apricot (nursing).

# Flags

The colored flags displayed on stage represent the academic disciplines offered by Viterbo University. The international flags also displayed on the stage today represent the home countries from which candidates for graduation have come. The displaying of flags is intended to show Viterbo University’s commitment and respect for a diverse community.

# Viterbo Alma Mater

Words and music by Joyce Grill

Vi - ter - bo, dear old Al - ma Ma - ter, we sing our praise to you, Vi -  
Vi - ter - bo, dear old Al - ma Ma - ter, your light shows us the way, The

ter - bo, dear old Al - ma Ma - ter, thru the years we will be true. With  
torch, the rose, the cross still help to guide us ev - 'ry day. With

grate - ful thanks we will re - call the warmth, the joy that graced your halls, Vi -  
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ter - bo, dear old Al - ma Ma - ter, we sing our praise to you.  
ter - bo, dear old Al - ma Ma - ter, your light shows us the way.

# Candidates for Graduation

The following candidates have or will meet the requirements for their degrees and have been recommended for graduation by the faculty.

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

### Associate of Arts

Lynda Marie Erickson  
Sparta, WI

Stacey M. Noel  
Black Creek, WI

Dawn M. Sanborn  
Trempealeau, WI

## BACCALAUREATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

### Bachelor of Arts

Reid Perry Scheidegger  
Oconomowoc, WI  
*Studio Art*

### Bachelor of Business Administration

Linda Kay Arzt  
Alma Center, WI  
*Organizational Management*

Dylan Clyde Baker  
Sparta, WI  
*Sport Management and Leadership*

Dawn Lynn Betz  
Onalaska, WI  
*Health Care Management*

Steven P. Bissen  
La Crescent, MN  
*Organizational Management*

Jessica Frances Bonn  
Center City, MN  
*Sustainable Management*

Robert C. Brown  
Countryside, IL  
*Sport Management and Leadership*

Jordan M. Churchill  
Onalaska, WI  
*Accounting*

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*Organizational Management*

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*Organizational Management*

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*Management Information Systems*

Brittany Summers Dissmore  
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*Organizational Management*

Jacob V. Engber  
La Crosse, WI  
*Management Information Systems*

Amie L. Heckman  
La Crosse, WI  
*Organizational Management*

Tyler Lee Kietzer  
La Crosse, WI  
*Management*

Jeremy Charles Kuderer  
Cashton, WI  
*Management Information Systems*

Suzanne Smith Lane  
Galesville, WI  
*Organizational Management*

Denny Lee  
La Crosse, WI  
*Management Information Systems*

Rachel Lynn Lyga  
La Crosse, WI  
*Organizational Management*

Scott Alan Mathison  
Colorado Springs, CO  
*Organizational Management*

Roger W. Maun  
Mauston, WI  
*Organizational Management*

Kimberly J. Meyer  
Onalaska, WI  
*Organizational Management*

Daniel Kenneth Miko  
Cleveland, OH  
*Organizational Management*

Gina Lynn Miller  
La Crosse, WI  
*Organizational Management*

Shelley Nelson  
Medford, WI  
*Management Information Systems*

Leslie Anne Patterson  
La Crosse, WI  
*Management and Leadership*

Jamie Leigh Ressel  
Blair, WI  
*Accounting*

Nicholas R. Schams  
La Crosse, WI  
*Organizational Management*

Dennis Sen  
La Crosse, WI  
*Management*

Rochelle L. Steele  
Holmen, WI  
*Management Information Systems/  
Organizational Management*

Melissa Marie Terpstra  
La Crosse, WI  
*Organizational Management*

Laura Ann Thoftne  
Coon Valley, WI  
*Management Information Systems*

Adam J. Walbrun  
La Crosse, WI  
*Health Care Management*

Abby Kate Wieser  
La Crescent, MN  
*Management*

Melissa Wilde  
La Crescent, MN  
*Management Information Systems*

Nickolas Charles Zwieg  
Madison, WI  
*Sport Management and Leadership*

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## **Bachelor of Fine Arts**

**Jasper Duberry**  
Brooklyn Park, MN  
*Studio Art*

**Margaret M. Miller**  
Sun Prairie, WI  
*Studio Art*

## **Bachelor of Liberal Studies**

**Claire Alie Doughman**  
Loveland, CO

## **Bachelor of Music**

**Jordan Robert Craig Karrigan**  
La Crosse, WI  
*Music Education/Music Performance*

## **Bachelor of Science**

**Zarah Zaitoon Augustine**  
La Crosse, WI  
*Psychology*

**Pierce R. Belaustegui**  
Las Vegas, NV  
*Psychology*

**Kylee Jean Boardman**  
South Whitley, IN  
*Social Work*

**Bailey A. Breault**  
Somerset, WI  
*Organizational Communication*

**Christopher Dunn**  
Hancock, WI  
*Criminal Justice*

**Danielle Marie Elland**  
Holmen, WI  
*Sociology*

**Melissa Ann Freund**  
Marshfield, WI  
*English*

**Caley Anne Griswold**  
Bangor, WI  
*Psychology*

**Jaclyn Leigh Hanke**  
Waukesha, WI  
*Integrated Studies*

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Stevens Point, WI  
*Addiction Studies*

**Benjamin Houge**  
Galesville, WI  
*Addiction Studies*

**Michael A. Kirchhoff**  
Sparta, WI  
*Integrated Studies*

**Lindsay J. (Killilea) Knudtson**  
Onalaska, WI  
*English*

**Jamie Lee**  
Onalaska, WI  
*Social Work*

**Austin James Mahlum**  
Holmen, WI  
*Mathematics*

**Dylan J. Matousek**  
Cambridge, WI  
*English*

**Naomi R. Meinertz**  
La Crosse, WI  
*Psychology*

**Ashley Mulholland**  
Melrose, WI  
*Biology*

**Sarah R. Nelson**  
Westby, WI  
*Organizational Communication*

**Van Thi Hai Nguyen**  
Hanoi, Vietnam  
*Chemistry*

**Nikolas A. Novotny**  
West Salem, WI  
*Biology*

**Jenna J. Olson**  
Soldiers Grove, WI  
*Mathematics*

**Nicole Marie Olson**  
Stoughton, WI  
*Broad Field Social Studies*

**Benjamin M. Pfiffner**  
La Crosse, WI  
*Psychology*

**Sarah L. Reimer**  
Antigo, WI  
*Environmental Sustainability*

**Elizabeth A. Schaller**  
Mauston, WI  
*English*

**Nicole Marie Sobkowiak**  
Onalaska, WI  
*Psychology*

**Byron Joseph Stein**  
Onalaska, WI  
*Technology Education*

**Kabau Vue**  
La Crosse, WI  
*Visual Communication*

**Martha Marie Wilms**  
Sparta, WI  
*Psychology*

## **Bachelor of Science in Education**

**Amanda Marie Berg**  
Whitehall, WI  
*Elementary Education*

**Ryan Donald Frett**  
Onalaska, WI  
*Elementary Education*

**Amanda Janessa Gill**  
Roscoe, IL  
*Elementary Education*

**Andrew J. Kiel**  
Wilton, WI  
*Elementary Education*

**Jerica Lynn Nelson**  
Fennimore, WI  
*Elementary Education*

**Katlynn Marie Stanke**  
Racine, WI  
*Elementary Education*

**Megan Mary Wagner**  
Onalaska, WI  
*Elementary Education*

## **Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

**Eric Duane Abbott**  
Janesville, WI

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De Forest, WI

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Winona, MN

Heidi L. Jones  
Fort Atkinson, WI

Breanne Marie Kimball  
Gilman, WI

Keri L. Krueger  
La Crosse, WI

Susan McDonough  
Reedsburg, WI

Dianne Kristine Meece  
Sun Prairie, WI

Arlene Ann Michaels  
Manitowoc, WI

Jenny L. Miller  
Mauston, WI

Deanna May Nault  
Lyndon Station, WI

Viktoriya V. Panasyuk  
Prairie du Chien, WI

William Steven Parsons  
Spooner, WI

Heather J. Rhynes  
Waterloo, WI

Sara J. Rogers  
Madison, WI

Abbey Alice Rose  
Tomah, WI

Megan Renee Schauf  
Darlington, WI

Janet K. Schlegel  
Janesville, WI

Debbie Kay Schroeder  
Reedsburg, WI

Kathy J. Shultz  
Chetek, WI

Traci Lyn Socha  
Evansville, WI

Carrie Ann Stoffel  
New Auburn, WI

Kristen Sullivan  
Deerfield, WI

Amy Roseanne Thesing  
La Crescent, MN

Jennifer Jo Walters  
Wausau, WI

Theresa L. White  
Madison, WI

Jennifer R. Yost  
Baraboo, WI

## **MASTER DEGREE CANDIDATES**

### **Master of Arts in Servant Leadership**

Sheryl Marie Barker  
Cashton, WI

Ewell Bryant Jr.  
Rochester, MN

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Shullsburg, WI

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Waukon, IA

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## **Master of Business Administration**

Christopher J. Banovich  
West Bend, WI

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Viroqua, WI

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Fushun, China

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Susan L. Repp  
Wilton, WI

Catlin Lennon Scheppler  
Marshfield, WI

Matthew Lawrence Turba  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Bonny Marie Young  
La Crosse, WI

## **Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling**

Barbara Ann Barghahn  
La Crescent, MN

Jennifer Fleis  
Onalaska, WI

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Mindoro, WI

Ryan Knutson  
Holmen, WI

Travis Allen Krahn  
Wykoff, MN

Kellyn Ann Kroner  
La Crescent, MN

Angela Renae Mensink  
Preston, MN

Rebecca L. Pein  
La Crosse, WI

James Edward Puckett Jr.  
La Crosse, WI

Edward H. Rico  
Santa Cruz, CA

Ashley Nicole Yeske  
La Crosse, WI

# Honors

Honor medallions are worn by graduates who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or above and will have earned a minimum of 45 letter graded credits at Viterbo University upon completion of all requirements.

Candidates for graduation wearing the cardinal stoles have completed the Viterbo University Honors Program.

In addition, candidates for graduation may qualify to wear cords signifying contributions or achievements to a university organization or academic honor society. The organizations are represented by the below colors:

- Alpha Kappa Delta (sociology) — teal and silver
- Alpha Phi Sigma (criminal justice) — navy and gold
- National Society of Leadership and Success — black and platinum
- Phi Alpha (social work) — blue and gold
- Pi Lambda Theta (education) — yellow
- Sigma Theta Tau (nursing) — purple
- Student Government Association — cardinal and silver
- Tri-Beta (biology) — red and green
- Veterans of Armed Services — red, white, and blue
- Wisconsin Honorary of Involved Leaders – blue and white



This program includes the names of students who, at the time of printing, have filed an application for degree. The official granting of the degree is made after all graduation requirements have been successfully completed and verified.



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## Viterbo History

In 1871, the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration established a flourishing community in La Crosse and began to concentrate on preparing their members to teach in parochial and mission schools throughout the area. This act ultimately led to the founding of what is known today as Viterbo University. Viterbo University is named after the city of Viterbo, Italy, the home of St. Rose of Viterbo. St. Rose of Viterbo is the patron saint of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration.

The sisters' efforts evolved into the St. Rose Normal School, accredited by the state in 1890. Since then, the university has enjoyed a long and rich tradition of excellence. Eventually, the normal school evolved into St. Rose Junior College (1932), Viterbo College (1939), and, finally, Viterbo University (2000).

In 1943, lay women were admitted to Viterbo, and accreditation by the University of Wisconsin occurred in 1952. Two years later, the university earned accreditation by the North Central Association of Schools, the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, and the National Association of Schools of Music Programs. The health sciences were added in the 1960s, and accreditation by the National League for Nursing, American Medical Records Association, and the American Dietetics Association soon followed. In 1967, lay persons were invited to join the Board of Directors, and a baccalaureate nursing program was initiated. In 1970, Viterbo became coeducational. And in 1972, the first male student received a degree.

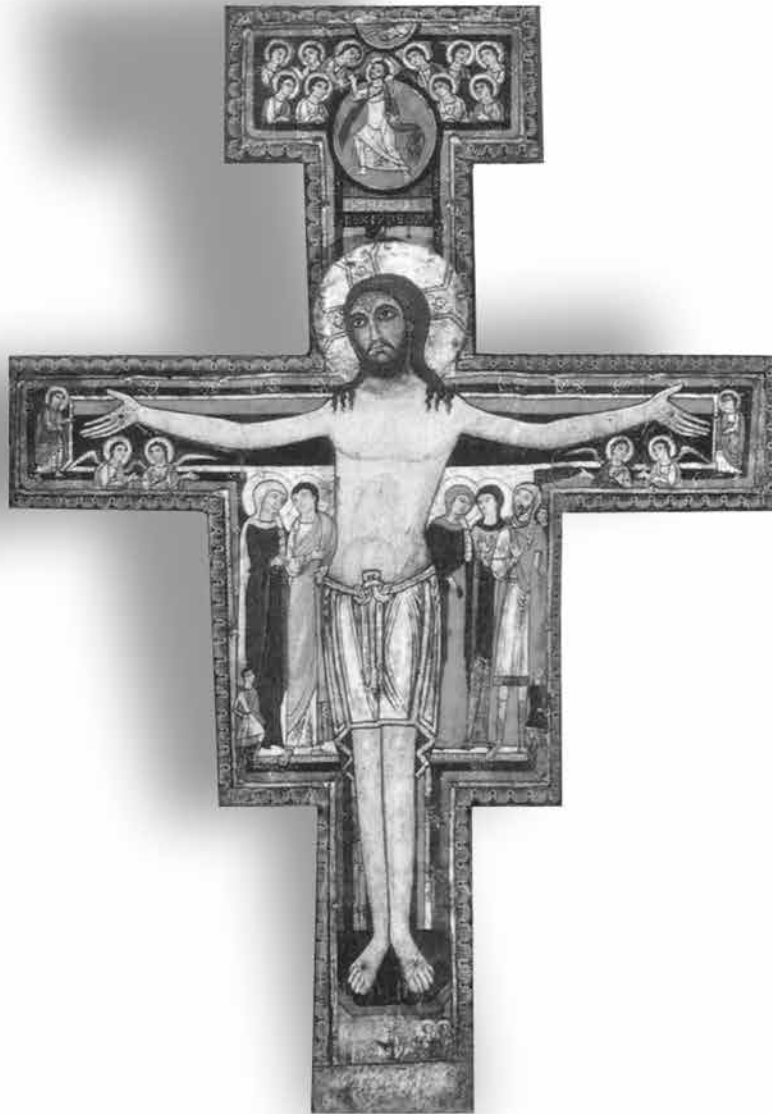
In the '90s, Viterbo expanded its curriculum again, gradually adding over the course of time, five graduate programs beginning with the introduction of a Master of Arts in Education. In 2013, Viterbo achieved another milestone when the university was granted approval to offer a doctorate in nursing practice (DNP). While Viterbo's academic programs were undergoing change, the landscape of the campus was also changing. The 1970s and '80s were decades of growth for Viterbo, as the enrollment climbed and new buildings were dedicated (the Fine Arts Center in 1971, Brophy Center in 1983, and the Student Activities Center in 1987).

During the '90s and well into the new millennium, this expansion continued in an effort to keep pace with growing enrollment and to provide students with the best possible facilities. The D.B. and Marge Reinhart Center for Ethics, Science, and Technology, the Amie L. Mathy Center for Education and Recreation, the School of Nursing Building, and Clare Apartments are the most recent additions to the campus landscape. The university is also in the midst of the renovation of Brophy Center which houses the Dahl School of Business. With the onset of the new century, Viterbo also changed its status from that of a college to a university.

Appreciative of its past, confident in the present, and optimistic about the future, Viterbo remains committed to its unique Catholic and Franciscan mission of preparing students for faithful service and ethical leadership.

## Mission

The Viterbo University community prepares students for faithful service and ethical leadership.



San Damiano Cross