

VITERBO UNIVERSITY

EIGHTY-FIRST SPRING

Commencement





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.

Congratulations Viterbo University's Class of 2020

Today you join a family of over 21,000 Viterbo University alumni around the globe. You are lifelong members of Viterbo's Alumni Association. In your graduation kits, you received an alumni pin and I want you to consider what it represents. Your little pin symbolizes several years of sacrifice, focus, selflessness, and commitment to earn your degree. It represents lifelong friendships, faith that has grown stronger, and a future without boundaries.

Remember this does not end your connection to Viterbo University. While this occasion is monumental, it is but one step in a lifelong journey of faithful service and ethical leadership. As an alumnus/a of Viterbo University, you are forever a member of the Viterbo community; regardless of where God's hand leads you.

On behalf of Viterbo University's Alumni Board of Directors, I would like to warmly welcome you into Your Viterbo Alumni Association. Know that your alumni association is here to serve you today and on every step along life's journey. I hope you are as proud as I am to be a graduate of Viterbo University. Once again, congratulations!



Kathy Duerwachter '10, Director of Alumni Engagement

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Mission

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

Identity

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

Viterbo Alma Mater

Words and music by Joyce Grill

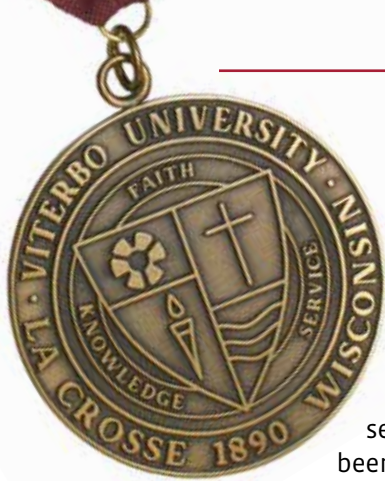
Vi - ter - bo, dear old Al - ma Ma - ter, — we sing our praise to you, Vi -
Vi - ter - bo, dear old Al - ma Ma - ter, — your light shows us the way, The

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.

Academic Regalia



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

The University Seal

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.

Honors

Honor medallions are worn by bachelor degree students 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. The military stoles are being worn by candidates for graduation signifying their service in the United States Armed Forces.

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 following colors:

- Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society (mental health counseling) — blue and white
- National Society of Leadership and Success — black and platinum
- Phi Alpha (social work) — blue and gold
- Pi Lambda Theta (education) — yellow
- Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology — platinum and dark blue
- 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

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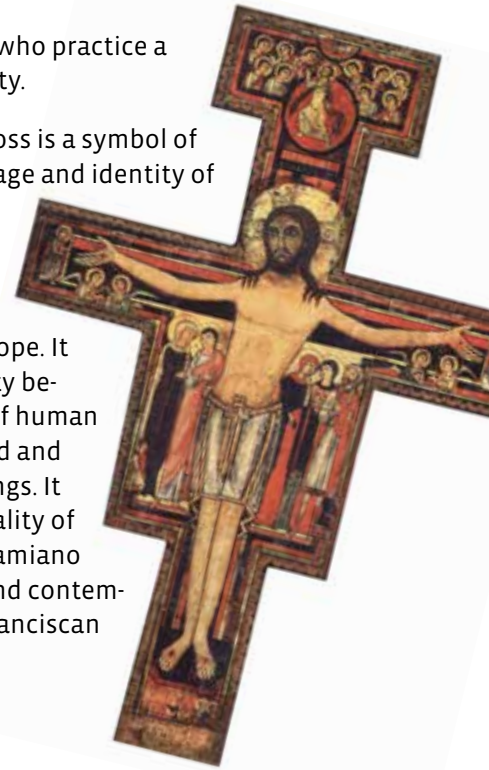
The San Damiano Cross

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.



History

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), golden yellow (mental health counseling), and apricot (nursing).

Academic Regalia

Flags

The colored flags typically 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 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 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. Changes to the landscape included construction of 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, Clare Apartments, and the major renovations of San Damiano Chapel, and Brophy Center, which houses the Dahl School of Business. In 2000, Viterbo 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.

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

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Holmen

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Minor in Arts Administration

Bachelor of Business Administration

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Ettrick
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Finance

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