

VITERBO UNIVERSITY

WINTER

Commencement



*Saturday, December 18, 2021
2 p.m.*

Viterbo University Fine Arts Center Main Theatre



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

Sara Cook, PhD
Vice President for Academics

INVOCATION

Stephanie Thorson-Olesen, PhD
Associate Professor, Psychology

WELCOME

Richard Trietley, MAE
Interim President

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ADDRESS

Remy Maria Jankowski '21

COMMISSIONING OFFICER OATH OF OFFICE

Lt Col. Erik Archer, UW-L Army ROTC

MUSICAL SELECTION

Hear My Prayer
by Moses Hogan
9th Street Singers
James Wilson, PhD, Director

GRADUATE STUDENT ADDRESS

Paul Anthony Deutsch '21

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DIPLOMAS

Sara Cook

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

Richard Trietley
John McHugh
Chair, Board of Trustees

Program

HOODING OF GRADUATE CANDIDATES

Carol Page, MS

Assistant Professor, Director, Master of Arts in Education

Tom Thibodeau, MA

Distinguished Professor of Servant Leadership, Master of Arts in Servant Leadership

Dale Krageschmidt, PhD

Associate Professor, Business

Debra Murray '90, PsyD

Professor, Director, Counselor Education Programs

Patricia Zander, PsyD

Professor Emeritus, Nursing

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Richard Trietley

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

John McHugh

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Kathy Duerwachter, MBA

MBA '10, Alumni Director

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 theatre.

San Damiano Cross Bearer

Stephanie Thorson-Olesen

Commencement Marshals

Christine Hardie
Jennifer Hedrick-Erickson '95

Deb Murray '09
Laura Nettles, FSPA

Commencement Committee

Emilio Alvarez	Jennifer Hedrick-Erickson '95	Carol Page
Kathleen Duerwachter '10	Debra Kappmeyer '98	Jodi Reider
Jane Eddy	Chad Kolbe	Kori Salaski
Kim Garves	Jessie Latten	Barbara (Bobbi) Schamberger '90
Anouk Goreta	Nancy Oelke	Sheila Severson '20
Christine Hardie		Doug Wilken

Acknowledgements

gth Street Singers
James Wilson, PhD, Conductor
Kylie Krahn, Pianist

Zach Anderson	Danielle Hoeffel	Matthew Olson
Zander Arroyo	Gabriella Keuhn	Anika Philips
Rhiannon Baasch	Ellery Larson	Rachel Ponder
Blaine Baribeau	Samuel Larson	Zane Radar
David Caliri	Deacon Leer	Greta Schwandt
Isabella Dippel	Sophia Niblock	Sydney Thornton

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 Margaret Hammell '87

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 Romana Klaubauf, FSPA
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 Richard Lommen Jr.
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 John McHugh
 Paul Molling, D.O.
 Kathleen Mitchell, FSPA

Paul Mueller, M.D.
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 Scott Rathgaber, M.D.
 Duane Ring, Jr.
 Arbender Robinson '98
 Mark Schneider
 Barbara Skogen
 Brian Soller '94
 Brad Sturm
 Beth Sumner
 Rick Trietley

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 -
 grate - ful thanks we will re - call the warmth, the joy that graced your halls, Vi -

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



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.

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

Academic Regalia

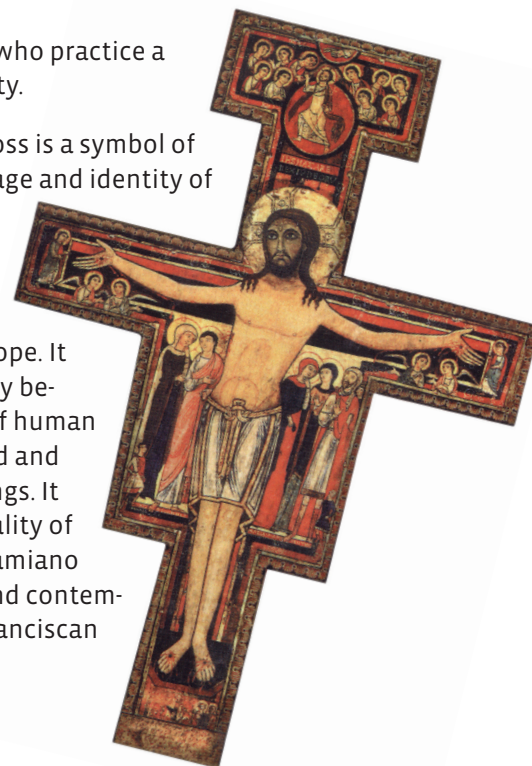
The San Damiano Cross

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 U.S. 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), white (mental health counseling), white (nutrition sciences), and apricot (nursing).

Academic Regalia

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 can-

didates 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.

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 CANDIDATE

Associate of Arts

David Franklin Novak
La Crosse, Wis.

BACHELOR DEGREE CANDIDATES

Bachelor of Arts

Lauralee Rood*
Madison, Wis.
Religious Studies

Bachelor of Business Administration

Allison J. Bragger
Independence, Wis.
Business Leadership

Violette I. Chlad
Franklin, Wis.
Business Leadership

Alec Christopherson
La Crosse, Wis.
Accounting

Nicole Ashley DeWitt
Norwalk, Wis.
Accounting

Diana I. Dundukova
Galesville, Wis.
Marketing

Katie Elizabeth Frohmader*
Fort Atkinson, Wis.
*Sport Management and
Leadership
Minor in Marketing*

Tiffany Le Cole Green
West Salem, Wis.
Business Leadership

Samuel R. Guilbeault
Algonquin, Ill.
Marketing

Lorraine Elaine Halverson
La Crosse, Wis.
Organizational Management

Janessa Marie Horstman
Cashton, Wis.
Accounting

Alireza Hosseinlar*
Marshfield, Wis.
Finance

Raphael Thomas Imgrund
Pleasantville, Wis.
Accounting

Madisyn Mae Irwin
Wausau, Wis.
*Management and
Leadership
Minor in Human Resources*

Elizabeth Anne Johnson
New Lisbon, Wis.
Health Care Management

Katherine Johnson
Galesville, Wis.
Business Leadership

Sydney Allyn King*
Blue Mounds, Wis.
*Business Administration
Minor in Psychology*

Ronald E. Massman
Holmen, Wis.
Business Leadership

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Candidates for Graduation

Andrew Richard Peterson

Holmen, Wis.

Finance

Minor in Accounting

Thomas Robson*

Cross Plains, Wis.

*Sport Management and
Leadership*

Peter James Rossman

Union Grove, Wis.

Business Administration

Thomas Wesley Schroeder*

Waukesha, Wis.

Business Administration

Tyler T. Verdick

La Crosse, Wis.

Accounting

Zhenxin Wang

Shanghai, China

Business Administration

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Jonathan Michael Colaluca

Warwick, N.Y.

Music Theatre

Erica Rae Kowald

Markesan, Wis.

Studio Art

Lauren Ann Ostrem

West Salem, Wis.

Theatre

Phoebe Felicity Rose

Rodriguez*

Fullerton, Calif.

Theatre

Minor in English Writing

Linzey Marie Stenson

Holmen, Wis.

Studio Art

Bachelor of Music

Rachel Lyn Handrick*

Woodruff, Wis.

*Music Performance and
Music Education*

Bachelor of Science

Bailey Kae Benson* ■

Byron, Minn.

*Biopsychology
Minors in Spanish and
Accounting*

Anna Nicole Busteed*

De Soto, Wis.

Psychology

*Minor in Substance Abuse
Counseling*

Noah James Clark*

Racine, Wis.

*Criminal and Community
Justice*

Minor in Sociology

Tayha Hazel Cochran

Austin, Minn.

Psychology

*Minor in Substance Abuse
Counseling*

Ryan Jay Ellingson

La Crosse, Wis.

Biology

Minor in Sociology

Moriah Mae Ewing

La Crosse, Wis.

Social Work

Candy L. Harvey

Byron, Minn.

Professional Studies

Lorie L. Hird

Stoughton, Wis.

Substance Abuse Counseling

Candidates for Graduation

Brianna Lynn Hougom

Holmen, Wis.

Psychology

*Minor in Substance Abuse
Counseling*

Sierra Rose Hunter

Mabel, Minn.

Social Work

Minor in Gerontology

Kylee Anne Laufenberg

Sparta, Wis.

Psychology

Morgan Ann Mohler

Mondovi, Wis.

Biochemistry

David Myles Montel

La Crosse, Wis.

*Criminal and Community
Justice*

John D. Reigel

Marshfield, Wis.

*Criminal and Community
Justice*

Mya Jean Snyder* ▀

Waupaca, Wis.

Biology

Minor in Chemistry

Kylie Westerberg

La Crosse, Wis.

Psychology

Minor in Family Studies

Bachelor of Science in Education

Josephine Elizabeth

Corcoran*

La Crosse, Wis.

Elementary Education

Remy Maria Jankowski*

La Crosse, Wis.

Elementary Education

Minor in Psychology

Randa T. Johnson*

La Crosse, Wis.

Elementary Education

*Minor in Cross-categorical
Special Education*

Carolyn J. Johnson

Reisinger*

Tomah, Wis.

Elementary Education

*Minor in Cross-categorical
Special Education*

Aliyah Charmaine Meindel*

Hartford, Wis.

Elementary Education

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Tyler Matthew Adrian

Prairie du Chien, Wis.

Samantha Elizabeth Allen

Prairie du Chien, Wis.

Minor in Family Studies

Brianna Lee Alt*

Plain, Wis.

Haley Rose Baardseth

Galesville, Wis.

*Minor in Health Care
Management*

Emerson Fabiano Bertoni

Eau Claire, Wis.

Alyssa Kay Bjorge

Holmen, Wis.

Jazmin Grace Bjorklund

Reedsburg, Wis.

Kelly Mary Brehmer

Sun Prairie, Wis.

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Candidates for Graduation

Kelsey Danielle Christoph*

Preston, Minn.

Minor in Ethics

Heather M. Clements

La Crosse, Wis.

McKaylee Ann Ferguson

Reedsburg, Wis.

Minor in Gerontology

Andrew Lane Fromm

Houston, Minn.

Natalie Grace Gondek*

Richland Center, Wis.

Rebecca Gronemus*

Cashton, Wis.

Maria Eufe Gudelis

Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

Minor in Family Studies

Jaydin Joyce Guza

Independence, Wis.

Minor in Psychology

Rachel Lynn Heil

Minocqua, Wis.

Emma Shea Jensen

Byron, Minn.

Michelle Lee Johnson

Caledonia, Minn.

Hayley M. Kaschner

La Crosse, Wis.

Courtney Elizabeth Kobbe*

Buffalo, Minn.

Stephanie Lynn Lawton

Lake Delton, Wis.

Emma Kali Ann Lee*

Coon Valley, Wis.

Haley Kathryn Leis

Holmen, Wis.

Ryah Catherine Lichte

Reedsburg, Wis.

Kathryn Jean Lichtie

West Salem, Wis.

Olivia Donna Manternach*

Clear Lake, Iowa

Minor in Dance

Sara Marie Marsolek

Independence, Wis.

Minor in Gerontology

Madalyn Marie Martin

Chippewa Falls, Wis.

Bailey Ray Mathis

Harpers Ferry, Iowa

Mikayla Lee Michalke

La Crescent, Minn.

Macy Lynn Moen*

Rochester, Minn.

Crystal B. Moris*

Luck, Wis.

Laura Donna Nadosy

Spring Green, Wis.

Minor in Gerontology

Nhan T Nguyen*

Rochester, Minn.

Uyen Thi Nguyen

Rochester, Minn.

Minor in Gerontology

Marvel Bethany Olson

La Crosse, Wis.

Minor in Psychology

Michael Kenneth Olson

Reedsburg, Wis.

Jade Darian Perron

Sparta, Wis.

Minor in Psychology

Candidates for Graduation

William Joseph Post
Onalaska, Wis.

Alexis Marie Reesman
Burlington, Wis.
Minor in Psychology

Leah Jo Roessler
West Salem, Wis.
Minor in Family Studies

Courtney Ann Rosecke*
Trempealeau, Wis.
Minor in Gerontology

Cameron Paul Running*
Northfield, Minn.

Michelle Ann Samphere
North Freedom, Wis.

Jessica Anne Schwanbeck
Houston, Minn.

Cassidy Rae Sheehan
Colgate, Wis.
Minor in Spanish

Alyssa Anne Sommerfield
Mazeppa, Minn.

Breann Alexa Swedin*
Lakeville, Minn.
*Minors in Family Studies
and Gerontology*

Monica Raksmei Thang
Rochester, Minn.

Tatiany Ellesse Valeriano*
Eau Claire, Wis.
Minor in Family Studies

Morgan Marie Van Ruler*
Waukon, Iowa
Minor in Family Studies

Morgan Ann Fritz Waldeck
Chicago, Ill.

Adam Paul Wallace
Viroqua, Wis.

Sabine Anna Westermeyer
Sun Prairie, Wis.

Donna Wiegert
Deerbrook, Wis.

Ellia Adams Will
Cambridge, Wis.
Minor in Gerontology

Taylor Ann Wohlfeil
Waukon, Iowa

Vaughtre Benjamin Young
Las Vegas, Nev.

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Graduate Candidates for Graduation

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Angela Rose Bollman
Ferryville, Wis.

Jennifer Lyn Ellefson
Rochester, Minn.

Robin R. Haugh
Hillsboro, Wis.

Rachelle Lee Holycross
Rochester, Minn.

EdD in Counselor Education and Supervision

Tara Lynn Allert
Mosinee, Wis.

Paul Anthony Deutsch
Hutchinson, Kan.

Angela Mensink
Fountain City, Wis.

Jennalee Renee Oefstedahl
Mindoro, Wis.

Master of Arts in Education

Austin Donald Daniels
Ankeny, Iowa

Heather Marie Mouglin
Burlington, Iowa

Master of Arts in Servant Leadership

Chelsea Renae Dowling
Gays Mills, Wis.

Jacob Thompson
Holmen, Wis.

Caitlin Mae Wilson
La Crosse, Wis.

Loralei Sue Zimbauer
Stevens Point, Wis.

Master of Business Administration

Andrew Arthur Allemann
Cochrane, Wis.

Angela Rose Bollman
Ferryville, Wis.

Yanru Cai
Shanghai, China

Hongjie Ding
Shanghai China

Jennifer Lyn Ellefson
Rochester, Minn.

Rachelle Lee Holycross
Rochester Minn.

Donna Kimberly Lee
Black River Falls, Wis.

Junyi Liu
Guiyang, China

James Steven Mack
Sparta, Wis.

George Paul Miller Jr.
La Crosse, Wis.

Mengji Ni
Shanghai, China

Graduate Candidates for Graduation

Dee L. Olson
Westby, Wis.

Casey Charles Severson
New Glarus, Wis.

Luchi Shi
Shanghai, China

Joshua Erik Skifton
La Crosse, Wis.

Tianyu Sun
Shanghai, China

Yizhi Tang
Shanghai, China

Nicholas James Theobald
Onalaska, Wis.

Yisheng Xu
Shanghai, China

Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling

Mariah Jane Allard
Fort Atkinson, Wis.

Michael John Burd
Watertown, Wis.

Diana Claire Burkee
West Allis, Wis.

Arianna D. Cirincione
La Crosse, Wis.

Alex Maxwell Diciaula
Brookfield, Wis.

Frank Paul Harpenau
La Crosse, Wis.

Melissa Marie Massman
Hixton, Wis.

Robyn L. McAlpine
Sparta, Wis.

William Paul Scheckel
New Lisbon, Wis.

Ashley L. Solberg
Waukesha, Wis.

Amber Rose Steele
La Crosse, Wis.

**Denotes GPA Honors*

▪ *Denotes Honors Program completed.*

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PEACE AND ALL GOOD

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PACIS ET BENEFICENTIAE



VITERBO UNIVERSITY