

# Winter Commencement



*Saturday, December Fourteenth  
Two Thousand and Thirteen*



## 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

Barbara Gayle, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs

### INVOCATION

Debra Murray, Psy.D., Director, Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling

### WELCOME

Richard B. Artman, Ph.D., President

### STUDENT ADDRESS

Samantha Merry '13

### MUSICAL SELECTION

*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

Arranged by Marilyn Shenenberger

9th Street Singers, Jean Saladino, M.M., Director

### CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Richard B. Artman

### PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Keith Knutson, Ph.D., 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

Rita Modjeski '62, 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.*



## Commencement Marshals

Kim Fredricks  
Jennifer Hedrick-Erickson

Debra Murray  
Thomas Neumann



## Commencement Committee

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## Acknowledgements

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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

## **ASSOCIATE DEGREE CANDIDATES**

### **Associate of Arts**

Caitlin Gabriell Anderson  
Galesville, WI

Nicholas A. Breidel  
La Crosse, WI

Pearly Lidy-Anne Brueske  
Onalaska, WI

Jenna Renae Lee  
Rushford, MN

## **BACCALAUREATE DEGREE CANDIDATES**

### **Bachelor of Arts**

Jennifer Buchner  
Holmen, WI  
*Criminal Justice*

Jocelyn Marie Lutes  
Benton, WI  
*Spanish*

Reid P. Scheidegger  
Baltimore, OH  
*Studio Art*

Diana Lynn Stelter  
La Crosse, WI  
*Philosophy*

### **Bachelor of Business Administration**

Martin A. Aguirre Jr.  
Quincy, WA  
*Sport Management and Leadership*

Ashley L. Bakalars  
La Crosse, WI  
*Organizational Management*

Jeffrey Jon Beaty  
Tomah, WI  
*Organizational Management*

Darcy Best  
La Crosse, WI  
*Marketing*

Paul D. Bouffleur  
La Crosse, WI  
*Organizational Management*

Allen Michael Bower  
Holmen, WI  
*Computer Information Systems*

Diane M. Boyer  
Trempealeau, WI  
*Health Care Management*

Christopher Michael Brown  
Sparta, WI  
*Management Information Systems*

Brigid Joyce Bush  
La Crosse, WI  
*Organizational Management*

Adam M. Conway  
La Crosse, WI  
*Management*

Stephannie Mae Dockter  
Oakdale, MN  
*Computer Information Systems*

Brady Elliott Fosmo  
Wabasha, MN  
*Management*

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Las Vegas, NV  
*Computer Information Systems*

Sadie J. Gelder  
Onalaska, WI  
*Accounting*

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Hustler, WI  
*Health Care Management*

Stacie Lynn Hoffman  
Mequon, WI  
*Sport Management and Leadership*

Dana M. Jones  
Sparta, WI  
*Management*

Lisa Marie King  
West Salem, WI  
*Health Care Management*

Alex Jordan Koeller  
Marshall, WI  
*Sport Management and Leadership*

Ian Richard Kyte  
La Crosse, WI  
*Marketing*

Lorna June Mesner  
Tomah, WI  
*Organizational Management*

Beth Ann Mickelson  
Sparta, WI  
*Accounting*

Kyle Robert Nordby  
Bangor, WI  
*Computer Information Systems*

Jessica M. Palamaruk  
Kendall, WI  
*Accounting*

Nathan Allan Steers  
Onalaska, WI  
*Management and Information  
Technology*

Kaija Sysimaki  
Onalaska, WI  
*Marketing*

Matthew Lawrence Turba  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI  
*Sport Management and Leadership*

Jessica Van Kirk  
Tomah, WI  
*Accounting*

Alex Steven Watrud  
Inver Grove Heights, MN  
*Management*

### **Bachelor of Fine Arts**

Jillian Iliff Anne Cox  
Seneca, WI  
*Studio Art*

Holly Rose Germain  
Somerset, WI  
*Arts Administration*

Jessica M. Schurmann  
Mauston, WI  
*Studio Art*

Trista Zimmerman  
La Crosse, WI  
*Arts Administration*

## **Bachelor of Liberal Studies**

Sally Colby  
Hartland, WI

Alycia Catherine Gabrielson  
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## **Bachelor of Music**

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*Music Performance*

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*Music Performance*

## **Bachelor of Science**

Robert James Baltz  
West Salem, WI  
*Biopsychology*

Dustin Gene Benzing  
Lansing, IA  
*Biology*

Benjamin W. Berger  
La Crosse, WI  
*Biology*

Nina Hollingsworth Bisgaard  
Trempealeau, WI  
*Integrated Studies*

Breanna Marie Bjerke  
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*Biopsychology*

Mollie Mary Rose Brady  
Janesville, WI  
*Biopsychology*

Sarah E. Briggs  
Warrens, WI  
*Integrated Studies*

Ariel VanCura Cahoon  
Monona, IA  
*Biopsychology*

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Whitehall, WI  
*Psychology*

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*Criminal Justice*

Carie Ann Finch  
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*Health Care Science*

Haylea Ann Halverson  
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*Visual Communication*

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Waukesha, WI  
*Biochemistry*  
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Responsive Element-mRNA  
Conformation Changes Induced by  
Manganese Ion

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Fairchild, WI  
*Biopsychology*

Dustin Johnson  
Onalaska, WI  
*Addiction Studies*

Rosemary Elizabeth Loken  
La Crosse, WI  
*Social Work*

Jocelyn Marie Lutes  
Benton, WI  
*Biopsychology*

Gregory William Pizl II  
Antigo, WI  
*Visual Communication*

Hannah Marie Ripp  
Black River Falls, WI  
*Psychology*

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Ferryville, WI  
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Cashton, WI  
*Technology Education*

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## **Bachelor of Science in Education**

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*Elementary Education*

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*Elementary Education*

Erin Marie Porter  
Pardeeville, WI  
*Elementary Education*

Auriel Elizabeth Prusinski  
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*Elementary Education*

Nicole Amanda Sauter  
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*Elementary Education*

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*Elementary Education*

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### **Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

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Kristine Kay Von Ruden  
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Wang Xia  
Hangzhous, Zhejiang, China

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La Crosse, WI

### **MASTER DEGREE CANDIDATES**

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

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### **Master of Business Administration**

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New Albin, IA

Hui Sun  
La Crosse, WI

Michael David Walentiny  
Elk River, MN

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Chengdu, Sichuan, China

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

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Onalaska, WI

Samantha C. Merry  
Maple Grove, MN

Teresa M. Schlintz  
Sparta, 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. Honors Program capstone project titles are listed by each candidate's name.

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.

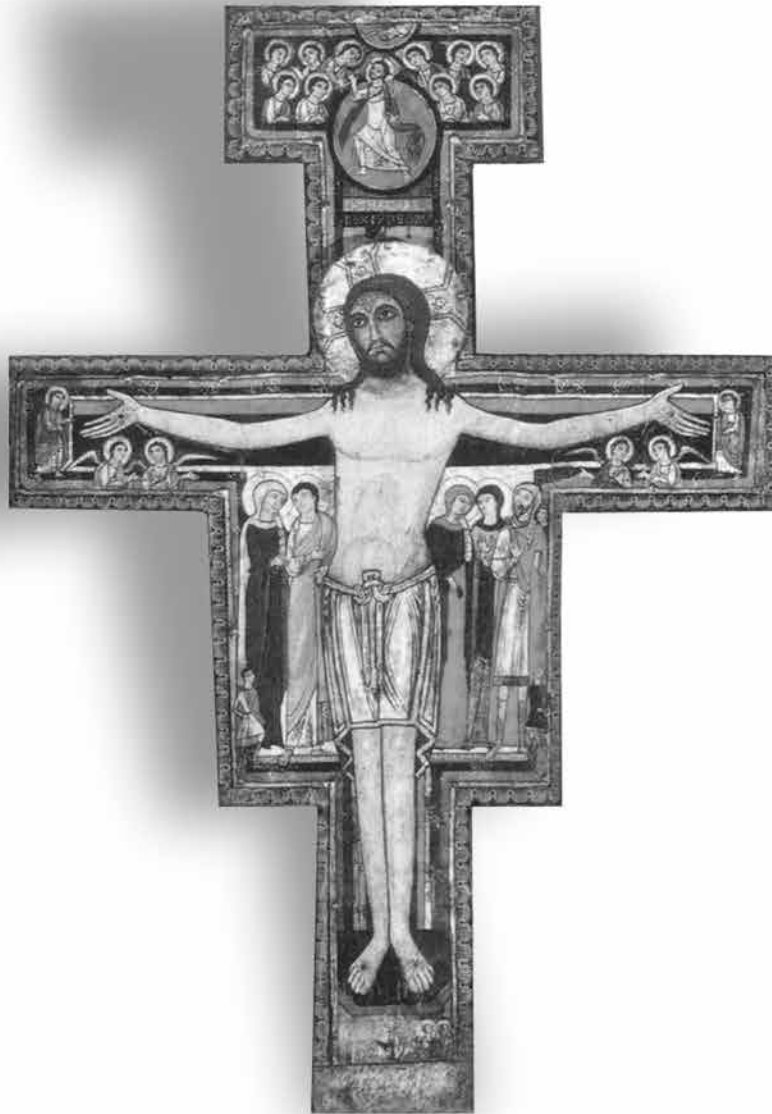
In the '90s, Viterbo expanded its curriculum again, gradually adding over the course of time, five graduate programs beginning with the introduction of a Master of Arts in Education. In 2013, Viterbo achieved another milestone when the university was granted approval to offer a doctorate in nursing practice (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 the Dahl School of Business Building. 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