

VITERBO UNIVERSITY

WINTER

Commencement



*Saturday, December 16, 2023
11 a.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

SAN DAMIANO CROSS BEARER

Janet Holter, DSW

Associate Professor, Program Director, Social Work

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Tonya Wagner, EdD

Vice President, Academic Affairs and Institutional Effectiveness

INVOCATION

Apryl Denny, PhD

Professor, English

WELCOME

Richard Trietley, EdD

President

John McHugh

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ADDRESS

Kylie Krahn '23

MUSICAL SELECTION

Song of Triumph by Dale Grotenhuis

Concert Choir

James Wilson, DMA, Director

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

Cynthia Hougum

Board of Trustees

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Apryl Denny, PhD

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DIPLOMAS

Rick Walters, MFA

Executive Artistic Director, Professor, Conservatory for the Performing Arts

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

Richard Trietley

John McHugh

HOODING OF GRADUATE CANDIDATES

Daisy Figueroa, PhD

Associate Dean, Assistant Professor, School of Education

Tom Thibodeau, MA

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

Dale Krageschmidt, PhD

Associate Professor, Business

Cameron Houin, PhD

Assistant Professor, Counselor Education Programs

Michele Merten, DNP

Director, Assistant Professor, Graduate Nursing

Shannon McManimon, PsyD

Associate Professor, Ethical Leadership

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Richard Trietley

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Kathy Duerwachter, MBA '10

Director, Alumni Engagement and Affinity Giving

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.

Commencement Committee

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Anouk Goreta
Jennifer Hedrick-Erickson '95
Debra Kappmeyer '98

Chad Kolbe
Jessie Latten
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Delaney Servais
Carol Page

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Kori Salaski
Barbara (Bobbi) Schamberger '90
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Mark Skogen '92
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Mission

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

Identity

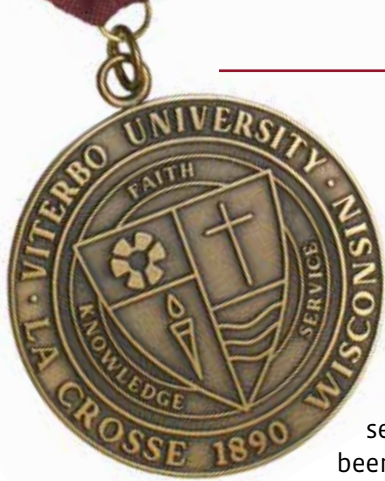
Founded by the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, Viterbo is a Catholic, Franciscan University in the liberal arts tradition.

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 -
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

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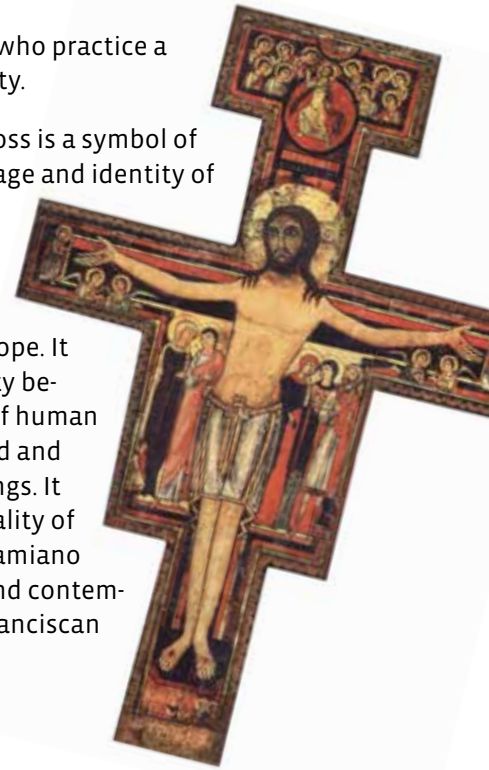
The San Damiano Cross

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 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

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 10 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.

BACHELOR DEGREE CANDIDATES

Bachelor of Arts

Kylie DeAnna Christine Krahn^
Viroqua, Wis.
Music

Emmett Carden Lenselink
West Salem, Wis.
Theatre

Alisha Ann Lozenski^
Winona, Minn.
Spanish

Bachelor of Business Administration

Adeline Fisher^
La Crosse, Wis.
Business Administration

Bertha A. Hart^
Janesville, Wis.
Business Leadership

Cole Gilbert Hollander
Portage, Wis.
Sport Management and Leadership

Gregory Maurice Jenkins
Racine, Wis.
Business Administration

Michael P. Klossing
Onalaska, Wis.
Business Leadership

Kylie DeAnna Christine Krahn^
Viroqua, Wis.
Accounting

Hannah J. Kuznia
Brooklyn Park, Minn.
Business Leadership

KaliAnn Elizabeth Levy
Richland Center, Wis.
Business Leadership

Alessandro Lopergolo^
Genoa, Italy
Business Administration

Nicolas Lopez Mayordomo
Valencia, Spain
Business Administration

James N. Siber
Mindoro, Wis.
Business Administration

Mercedes Lynn Stewart^
Ladysmith, Wis.
Finance

Melissa Kay Summerfield
McMinnville, Ore.
Business Leadership

Elizabeth Ruthie Tesar^
Wauzeka, Wis.
*Management and Leadership
Minor in Psychology*

Emma Rose Wagner^
Reedsville, Wis.
*Business Administration
Minor in Finance*

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Madelyn Alise Magson^
Southport, N.C.
Music Theatre

Bachelor of Music

Gabriella Bianca Kuehn
Mayville, Wis.
Music Performance

Katherine Grace Preusser
St. Cloud, Minn.
Music Education

Bachelor of Science

Sierra Ann Gage^
Marathon, Wis.
Minor in Psychology

Emily Ann Geske
West Salem, Wis.
Social Work, Psychology

Marin Theresa Jacobson^^
Mondovi, Wis.
*Biochemistry
Minor in Spanish*

Madisen Marie Klink^^
Elmwood, Wis.
*Biology
Minor in Psychology*

Alisha Ann Lozenski^
Winona, Minn.
*Psychology
Minor in Neurology*

Emma Irene Miller^
Shelton, Wash.
Biochemistry

Jared Michael Payne
Seneca, Wis.
Mathematics Education

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Candidates for Graduation

Andrew Paul Sherman^{^*}

La Crosse, Wis.

Ethics, Culture, and Society
Minor in Legal Studies and Art

Cameron Steven Zimmerman[^]

Wilton, Wis.

Biology

Bachelor of Science in Education

Kendra Nichole Bartels

Necedah, Wis.

Elementary Education
Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Amber Sharee Bethke[^]

Westby, Wis.

Elementary Education

Kristin Joanna Betthausen[^]

Tomah, Wis.

Elementary Education
Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Queen E. Jude Blunt

Milwaukee, Wis.

Elementary Education
Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Keelin D. Brooks

Milwaukee, Wis.

Elementary Education
Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Laquanda L. Early[^]

Milwaukee, Wis.

Elementary Education
Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Kaitlyn Hagen[^]

Ashland, Wis.

Elementary Education

Bertha A Hart[^]

Janesville, Wis.

Elementary Education

Maria Patricia Holicky[^]

West Salem, Wis.

Elementary Education
Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Sarah Beth Hoogland

Phillips, Wis.

Elementary Education

Jessica May Kasten[^]

West Salem, Wis.

Elementary Education
Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Ashley Bernadine McGrath[^]

Monroe, Wis.

Elementary Education
Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Nichole Lynne Nygard

Pine City, Minn.

Elementary Education

Bailey Jo Palamaruk[^]

New Lisbon, Wis.

Elementary Education
Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Jessica L. Schleif[^]

Camp Douglas, Wis.

Elementary Education

Jordyn Lee Schurhammer[^]

Bangor, Wis.

Elementary Education

Andrea Dee Stanek

Madison, Wis.

Elementary Education
Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Mary Elizabeth Streveler^{^*}

Colby, Wis.

Elementary Education
Minors in Spanish, History

Patricia Subotich

Oak Creek, Wis.

Elementary Education

Tracy Alonda Swan

Glendale, Wis.

Elementary Education
Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Chloe Angela Walsh-Laehn

Mauston, Wis.

Elementary Education
Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Shaquita L. Wilson

Milwaukee, Wis.

Elementary Education
Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Destiny Louise Nichole Anderson[^]

Kasson, Minn.

Minor in Psychology

Cahil Arthur Allan Arity[^]

Tomah, Wis.

Nicole Ann Bailey

Stoddard, Wis.

Lauren Priscilla Kate Banker

Hillsboro, Wis.

Candidates for Graduation

Julia Rose Barnes
Presque Isle, Wis.

Emma Leigh Bray
Brownsville, Minn.

Madeline Lois Chapman^
Chisago City, Minn.
Minor in Psychology

Isaac Michael Dunham^
Holmen, Wis.
Minor in Biology

Immaculata Maris N. Echibe
Kenosha, Wis.
Minor in Business Administration

Meredith Grace Eitland
Viroqua, Wis.
Minor in Health Care Management

Abigail Lee Engler
Appleton, Wis.
Minor in Family Studies

Katlyn Kay Faga
La Crosse, Wis.

Madelynn Renee Fahland
Isanti, Minn.

Caeli Hanna Fetherston
Osseo, Wis.

Mary Clare Fohrenkamm^
Rochester, Minn.

Megan Rae Gallegos
Sparta, Wis.

Reid David Gerber
Rochester, Minn.
Minor in Psychology

Payton Loraine Gibbs^
Appleton, Wis.

Haley Marie Hampel
Sparta, Wis.

Zachary Scott Haug
Sycamore, Ill.

Allysa Ann Hilker^
Waunakee, Wis.
Minor in Spanish

Kaitlyn Rose Hilton^
Grand Meadow, Minn.

Anya Therese Hirsch
La Crosse, Wis.

Jenna Lee Holland
Cedarburg Wis.

Hannah Marie Jaster
Spring Grove, Minn.
Minor in Health Care Management

Anna Grace Johnson
West Salem, Wis.

Lauren Kate Johnson
Winona, Minn.

Aimee Wray Kemper
Woodbury, Minn.
Minor in Health Care Management, Spanish

Alayna Jay Kennedy
West Salem, Wis.

Olivia Rose Kirschbaum
Fennimore, Wis.

Jenna Lynne Krueger
Fountain City, Wis.

Hannah Lynn Lazarescu
Holmen, Wis.

Hailey Marie Leis
Sparta, Wis.
Minor in Psychology

Emily Catherine Lindau
Bruce, Wis.

Lauren Elizabeth Mathaus
Lake Elmo, Minn.
Minor in Religious Studies

Alexander James May
Jackson, Wis.

Julie Elizabeth Miller
Altoona, Wis.

Katelyn Renee Parker
Prairie du Chien, Wis.

Samantha Jean Penkalski
Coon Valley, Wis.

Breanna Marie Peternell
Waterford, Wis.
Minor in Gerontology

Nicole Emily Peterson
Cambridge, Wis.

Keziann Marie Punzel^
Fremont, Wis.

Alice Rose Schultz
Winona, Minn.

Nikki Szudy
La Crosse, Wis.

Carson Ella Timm
Hudson, Wis.

Makenzie Marie Trosclair
Lake Geneva, Wis.
Minor in Family Studies

Elie Marie Welch
Saint Charles, Minn.

Tanya Lee Wilker
Elkader, Iowa

Cheyenne A Williamson
La Crosse, Wis.

Sandra Marie Witt
Tomah, Wis.

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Candidates for Graduation

GRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Jennifer F. Hedrick-Erickson
Sparta, Wis.

EdD in Counselor Education and Supervision

Renee Marie Heath
Genoa, Wis.

Master of Arts in Education

Molly Jane Charley
Anamosa, Iowa

Ryan Thomas Austin
Des Moines, Iowa

Amy Danielle Bowman
Marion, Iowa

Abby Jo Bublitz
Boone, Iowa

Ashley Marie Cramer
Clive, Iowa

Steven Sattz
Pickering, Ontario, Canada

Master of Arts in Servant Leadership

Amy M. Dummer
Galesville, Wis.

Mark J. Erickson
La Crosse, Wis.

Alexandra Marie Johnson
Rochester, Minn.

Mac Nichole Kiel
Viroqua, Wis.

Michael Matthew Baker Jr.
Rochester, Minn.

Jessica Ballard Endrizzi
Onalaska, Wis.

Grace Alexandra Janssen
La Crosse, Wis.

Elizabeth Anne Johnson
New Lisbon, Wis.

Derek Patrick Klein
Caledonia, Minn.

Johannes Moritz Obermann
Hannover, Lower Saxony

Wanda Vale Peters
Whitehall, Wis.

Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling

Shraddha Adhikari
La Crosse, Wis.

Jacob Michael Gerend
Mendota Heights, Minn.

Alfie Janos Gyurkovits
Cranage, England

William Joseph McLoughlin IV
Tomah, Wis.

Madeline Ruth Miller
Decorah, Iowa

Gavin Ray Schroeder
Caledonia, Minn.

^Denotes GPA Honors

*Denotes Honors Program completed

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