

VITERBO UNIVERSITY

WINTER

Commencement



*Saturday, December 14, 2024
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

Jacqueline Herbers, PhD
Associate Professor, English and World Languages

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Tonya Wagner, EdD
Vice President, Academic Affairs and Institutional Effectiveness

INVOCATION

Emily Dykman, DMin
Professor, Religious Studies

WELCOME

Richard Trietley, EdD
President

John McHugh
Chair, Board of Trustees

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ADDRESS

Emily Glodowski '24

MUSICAL SELECTION

Cantate Domino by Leo Hassler
Concert Choir
James Wilson, DMA, Director

COMMISSIONING OFFICER OATH OF OFFICE

Kayla Solberg '24
Lt. Col. Brian Knutson, Professor of Military Science

GRADUATE STUDENT ADDRESS

Ryan O'Hern '24

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Dr. Paul Molling
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Keith Knutson, PhD
Tom Knothe, JD

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

Kristy Holinka, MAEd
Chair, Graduate Programs; 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

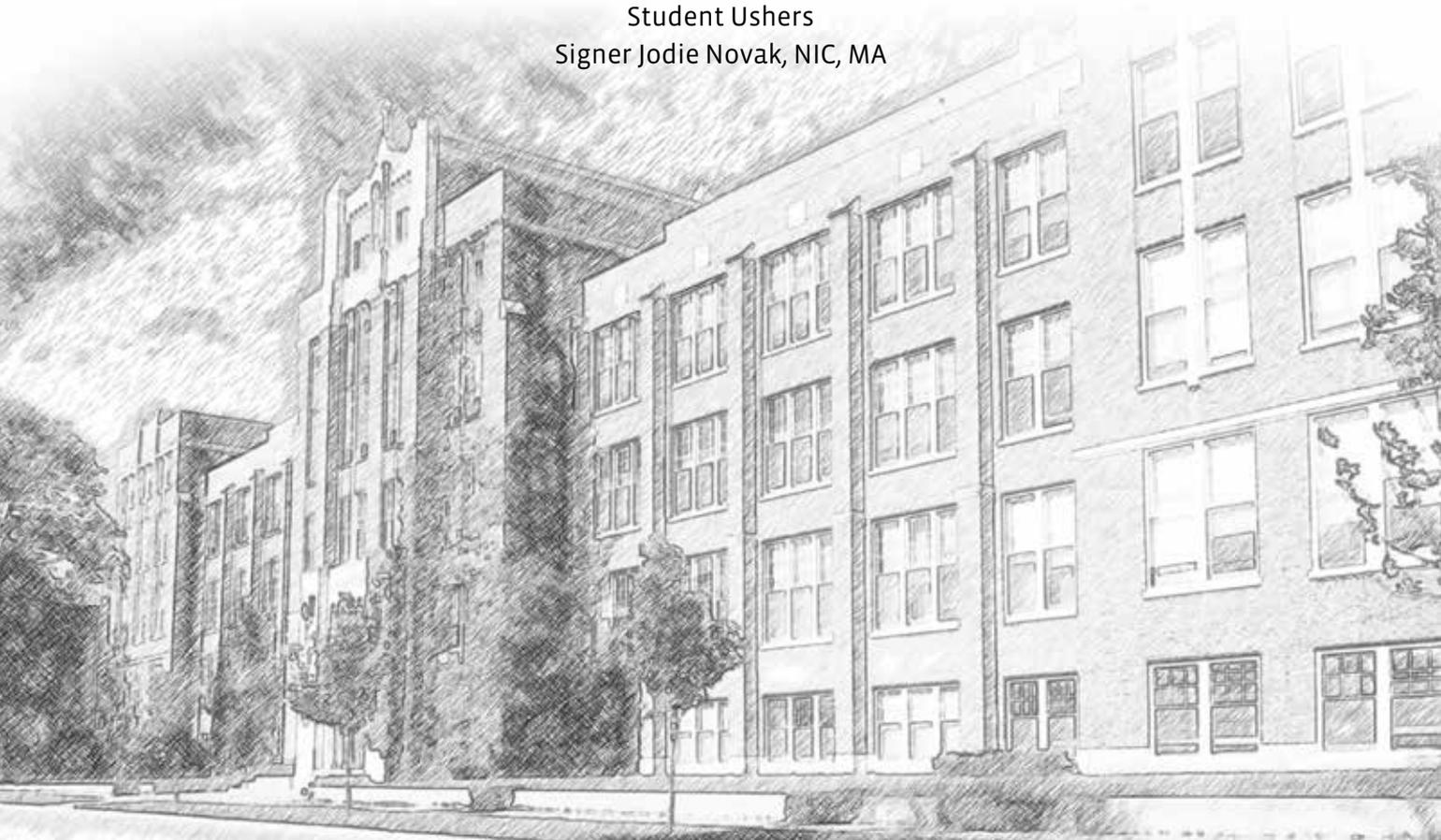
Emilio Alvarez '07
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Toni Groshek
Jennifer Hedrick-Erickson '95

Debra Kappmeyer '98
Chad Kolbe
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Grace Stoneman

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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

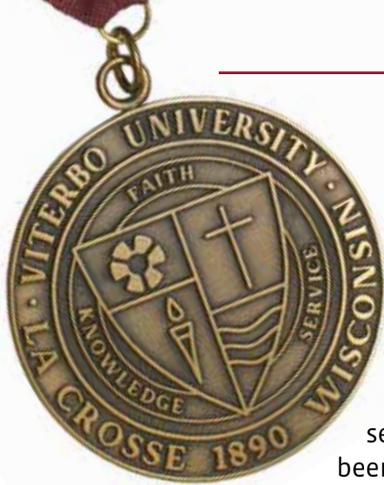
Vi - ter - bo, dear old Al - ma Ma - ter, — we sing our praise to you, Vi -
Vi - ter - bo, dear old Al - ma Ma - ter, — your light shows us the way, The

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



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
- Delta Mu Delta (business) — purple and gold
- 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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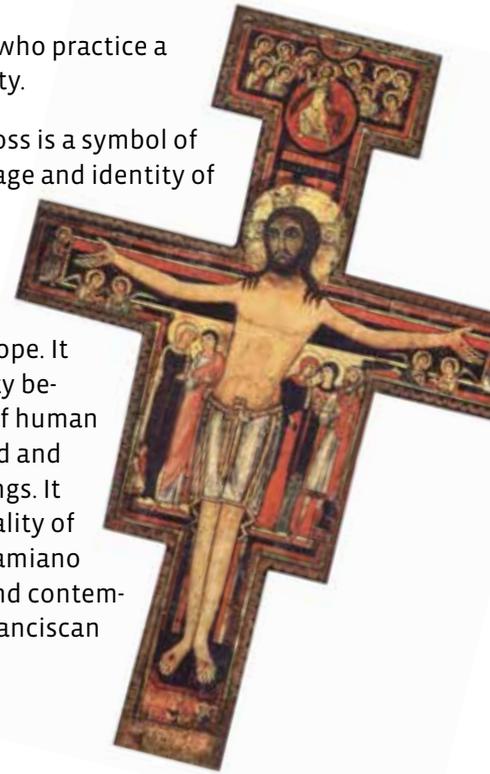
The San Damiano Cross

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

Madeline Claire Feldhake[^]

Onalaska, Wis.

English

Caleb Riley Hanson[^]

Albert Lea, Minn.

*Religious Studies and Theology
Minors in Psychology and Business
Administration*

Julia Rae Salmen

Stillwater, Minn.

Spanish

Bachelor of Business Administration

Monica Tess Anderson

West Salem, Wis.

Accounting

Crystal A. Coder[^]

Vinton, Iowa

Business Leadership

Polyzois Douvas

Athens, Greece

*Sport Management and
Leadership*

Alexis Elizabeth Drews

La Crosse, Wis.

Business Leadership

Emily Marie Glodowski

Stevens Point, Wis.

Marketing

Matthew A. Harding[^]

Onalaska, Wis.

Accounting

Katie Leigh Jacobs

Waunakee, Wis.

Business Leadership

Cheyenne Rose Johnson[^]

Spencer, Wis.

Health Care Management

Jacob Daniel Kallies

New Lisbon, Wis.

Business Leadership

Nicolas Lopez Mayordomo

Valencia, Spain

*Business Administration and
Sport Management and Leadership*

Heather Dawn Oldenburg[^]

La Crosse, Wis.

Business Leadership

Lucia Ramirez

Milwaukee, Wis.

Business Leadership

Sean Casey Rieck

Holmen, Wis.

Accounting

Angelica Mae Roth

La Crosse, Wis.

Business Leadership

Aimane Sahraoui

Spain, Morocco

Business Administration

Owen Allen Schultz

Mondovi, Wis.

*Sport Management and
Leadership*

Eric Scidmore

La Crosse, Wis.

Business Leadership

Kendell Renee Sheldon

Amherst, Wis.

Business Administration

Angelo Ferreira Teston

Dourados, Brazil

Business Administration

Maximiliano Guijosa Torres

Rochelle, Ill.

Business Administration

Santiago Tellez Tovar

Bogota, Colombia

Business Administration

Anders Eide Unseth[^]

Viola, Wis.

Accounting

Autumn Lynne Wagner

Sparta, Wis.

Business Leadership

Elise Joanne Weinbender[^]

Brownsville, Minn.

*Business Administration and
Marketing*

Rodrigo Zarco

Chicago, Ill.

Business Leadership

Bachelor of Music

Anika Jaden Philips

La Crosse, Wis.

Music Education

Bachelor of Science

Casey Jean Delphey

Sandwich, Ill.

*Social Work
Minors in Family Studies and
Gerontology*

Jarrett James Doemel

Sparta, Wis.

Criminal and Community Justice

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Benjamin Fleuchaus*

Belgium, Wis.

Biochemistry

Elaine Lee Groth*

West Salem, Wis.

Biology

Minor in Chemistry

Emily Anne Hanson

Soldiers Grove, Wis.

Social Work

Olivia Mae Horn

Loyal, Wis.

Engineering

Micneya Landeros-Rodriguez

Arcadia, Wis.

Neuroscience

Christopher James Lass

Onalaska, Wis.

Engineering

Carmen Delia Ortiz**

Waterloo, Iowa

Psychology

Grace Reineke^

Winona, Minn.

Engineering

Cierra Jo Spears

Genoa, Wis.

Psychology

Minor in Family Studies

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Zunker

Reedsburg, Wis.

Psychology

Bachelor of Science in Education

Nathan James Alberts^

Onalaska, Wis.

Elementary Education

Mya Rae Becker

Athens, Wis.

Elementary Education

Jacob William Carley^

Treynor, Iowa

Elementary Education

Peyton M. Clark^

Wilton, Wis.

Elementary Education

Emily Ann Ernest^

Milwaukee, Wis.

Elementary Education

Kristianna Faithe Fogo^

Medford, Wis.

Elementary Education

Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Katelynn Nicole Garcia^

Racine, Wis.

Elementary Education

Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Erika Nicole Goodsell^

Beloit, Wis.

Elementary Education

Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Shaun Michael Groshek^

Mosinee, Wis.

Elementary Education

Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Bridget Marie Gunther^

Mauston, Wis.

Elementary Education

Shelby Marie Hanson^

Cashton, Wis.

Elementary Education

Alyssa Jean Hayward^

Tomah, Wis.

Elementary Education

Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Alexandra E. Johnson

Blair, Wis.

Elementary Education

Tracie Lynn Kruempel^

Pella, Iowa

Elementary Education

Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Lauren M Marx^

Tomah, Wis.

Elementary Education

Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Joni Lynn McCarthy^

Wauzeka, Wis.

Elementary Education

Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Jessica Rose McGrath^

Browntown, Wis.

Elementary Education

Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Danyelle Marie Minor^

Hillsboro, Wis.

Elementary Education

Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Livi Cecilia Pappadopoulos^

Holmen, Wis.

Elementary Education

Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Delaney Kathryn Schaller

Sparta, Wis.

Elementary Education

Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Haley Suane Schuman

Galesville, Wis.

Elementary Education

Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Carol L. Shaw

Milwaukee, Wis.

Elementary Education

Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Susan A. Skime

Galesville, Wis.

Elementary Education

Minor in Cross-categorical Special Education

Renee Suzanne Stelzer^

Baraboo, Wis.

Elementary Education

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Hanna M. Christianson

Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

Patricia T. Crawford

Hudson, Wis.

Minor in Psychology

Charmaine Kealaula Dee

West Bend, Wis.

Alexis Dubiel

Blaine, Minn.

Minor in Human Resource Management

Lindsay Ann Elpert

Rochester, Minn.

Aubrie Dana Leigh Francois

Green Bay, Wis.

Brielle Elizabeth Harmel

Tomah, Wis.

Dalton Jacob Higley

Colby, Wis.

Lyza Carol Hoscheit^

Caledonia, Minn.

Katherine A. Hunt

Eau Claire, Wis.

Tanya M. Jore^

Spring Grove, Minn.

Alexis Michelle Kiedrowski

Ettrick, Wis.

Etienne Korpo Kpalee*

Champlin, Minn.

Krista Rae Landt

Onalaska, Wis.

Elizabeth Mary Mack

Holmen, Wis.

Alexis Marie Mahan

Westby, Wis.

Alexandra Naomi Mitchell^

Lodi, Wis.

Nancy Nyakembobe Omwenga

Rochester, Minn.

Kayla Nicole Pohl

Altoona, Wis.

Ali Ann Pronschinske

Waumandee, Wis.

Minor in Family Studies

Cynda Jean Protsman^

Stoddard, Wis.

Annemarie Elizabeth Rider

Chippewa Falls, Wis.

Jessica Anne Ridgeway^

Eau Claire, Wis.

Natalie Lynn Robinson^

Dodge Center, Minn.

Julia Rae Salmen

Stillwater, Minn.

Kayla Jean Solberg

Bemidji, Minn.

Minor in Servant Leadership

Amber Stanek

Muscoda, Wis.

Emily Marie Swift

Ridott, Ill.

Rawan Abdulkareem M. Tamim

Al Jubail City, Saudi Arabia

Holly J. Teclaw

Thorp, Wis.

McLain Renee Thornquist^

Helena, Mont.

Minor in Family Studies

Leah McKenzie Topp^

Racine, Wis.

Minor in Family Studies

Elizabeth Marie Vorpahl^

Portage, Wis.

Amanda Mae Walker

La Farge, Wis.

Rosemary O'Malley Wettstein

Onalaska, Wis.

Jack Xiong

Onalaska, Wis.

GRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Arts in Education

Caleb Andrew Eloie

Des Moines, Iowa

Master of Arts in Servant Leadership

Karen J. (Fleming) Breit

Lac Courte Oreilles, Wis.

David Allen Dittmer

Onalaska Wis.

Karla Jo Hein

La Crosse, Wis.

Kelsey Joi Koestler

Eau Claire, Wis.

Veerle Maria Vriens

Roosendaal, The Netherlands

Suzanne Kay Witt

Onalaska, Wis.

Master of Arts in Teaching

John W. Hagstrom

Oregon Wis.

Cole A. Walters

Wis. Rapids, Wis

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Candidates for Graduation

Master of Business Administration

Jessica Marie Addington
La Crosse, Wis.

Matis Sofiann V. E. Arlot
Poitiers, France

Kirsten Rose Betancurt
Black River Falls, Wis.

Sallie J. Braun
Arcadia, Wis.

Ryan Jay Ellingson
La Crosse, Wis.

Amir Ismailov
Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek

Thea May Kjos
La Crosse, Wis.

Maxime Eymeric Lebon
Nice, France

Rachel Marie Lindberg
Blair, Wis.

Regina Ojelabi
La Crosse, Wis.

Andrew Richard Peterson
Holmen, Wis.

Kelly Elizabeth Zumbrennen
Camp Douglas, Wis.

Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling

Zachary Anton Bieze
La Crosse, Wis.

Devin Brom
Warrens, Wis.

Heather L. Fisher
La Crosse, Wis.

Katelyn Dianne Fleischman
Spencer, Wis.

Shaylyn Victoria Goldbeck
La Crosse, Wis.

Rosalind Renae Hartsel
Eau Claire, Wis.

Sarah Jane Haugen
Harmony, Minn.

Margaret Carol Lombardi
Waukesha, Wis.

Ryan Anthony O'Hern
La Crosse, Wis.

Soniya Pokharel
Kathmandu, Nepal

Tayha Hazel Rogne
Austin Minn.

Beth Walker Stephenson
Viroqua, Wis.

Alexa Rae Verthein
La Crescent, Minn.

EdD in Counselor Education and Supervision

Hayley Ann Endersbe
Mankato, Minn.

Craig Allen Fehrenbacher
Onalaska, Wis.

EdD in Ethical Leadership

Lori Jayne Carlson
Black River Falls, Wis.

Joel Fenske
Shawano, Wis.

Christine Eileen Hackett
Galesburg, Ill.

Dawn Marie Woychik
Independence, Wis.

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Dena Rebecca Keilman
Owatonna, Minn.

Jennifer Ann Klicka
Peshtigo, Wis.

^Denotes GPA Honors
*Denotes Honors Program completed

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