

Employees,

I am pleased to announce that upon completion of a comprehensive national search, Amy Schmidt has been selected to serve as Viterbo University's vice president for finance and administration effective May 16. Upon acceptance of the position she stated, "I am very excited to join the Viterbo community and look forward to helping to advance the university's mission of preparing students for faithful service and ethical leadership. Viterbo, as part of its Catholic and Franciscan identity, is committed to service, collaboration, and leadership and I look forward to working with members of both the university and the La Crosse community."

As the vice president for finance and administration, Amy will serve as the chief financial officer of Viterbo and will be a member of the university's senior leadership team. She currently serves as the vice president for finance and administration at Minnesota State College Southeast in Winona, Minn., a position she has held since 2020. Prior to that position, she served at Western Technical College in La Crosse for 14 years, including six years as controller. Amy has extensive experience in long range financial planning, leadership, strategic planning, and budgeting. She earned a Bachelor of Science in accounting from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and a Master of Business Administration from Viterbo. She is also a Certified Public Accountant.

Amy's selection as our next vice president for finance and administration is cause for great excitement and celebration. Her proven financial skills, leadership abilities, team focus, and calm demeanor are a perfect match for Viterbo. She also understands our mission and values, the current higher education landscape, and the region from which we draw the majority of our students. I could not be more pleased to welcome her to the Viterbo team.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the consulting firm Hyatt-Fennell, who assisted Viterbo in the search, and our university search committee members for their hard work, due diligence, and dedication to the process. Members of the committee included Michelle Kronfeld (chair), Chris Sanger, Barry Fried, Kari Brown, Rick Walters, Nicole Van Ert, Sr. Laura Nettles, Gene McCurdy, and Board of Trustees member Mark Schneider.

On a personal note, Amy is the spouse of Eric Schmidt, director of major and planned gifts. Please join me in welcoming her to Viterbo University. Congratulations Amy.

Rick Trietley  
President