

Dominican University Appoints Glena G. Temple as President

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[Dominican University's](#) Board of Trustees appointed Glena G. Temple, Ph.D., right, as its 11th president, according to a May 18 university news release. Temple, whose term begins Aug. 2, is currently president of Viterbo University, a Catholic Franciscan university in La Crosse, Wisconsin.



Dr. Glena G. Temple

During her presidency, Temple led Viterbo's successful efforts to increase student retention, graduation and job placement rates, and oversaw a \$2 million U.S. Department of Education grant focused on student success. She also oversaw growth in the endowment fund, from approximately \$43 million to more than \$60 million. Under her leadership, the university expanded graduate enrollment and added programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Appointed as president in 2017, Temple has served Viterbo in a number of capacities for almost 20 years. She will succeed Donna M. Carroll, who has served as Dominican's president since 1994 and led the institution through a period of extraordinary growth and academic achievement, including its ranking this year in the top 10 of Midwest regional universities by U.S. News & World Report. Carroll will retire June 30.

"I am truly humbled and grateful for the trust placed in me by the Dominican Board of Trustees," Temple said. "It is an honor to follow President Donna Carroll, whose leadership inspired so many over the past 27 years. I embrace this opportunity to help build on her legacy with so many dedicated students, faculty, staff, alumni, trustees and benefactors. Dominican's justice-driven mission and values deeply rooted in the charism of the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters spoke to my heart and strengthened my desire to be a part of this amazing university."

Temple earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Allegheny College and a Ph.D. in botany and plant sciences from the University of California-Riverside. She also holds a master's degree in educational policy and administration from the University of Minnesota.

[Read more about Dr. Temple and her new role at Dominican University.](#)