

# Herzing University

## Commencement Ceremony



Eighth of January, Two Thousand and Twenty One  
Herzing University  
Atlanta, Georgia



# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

## Welcome & Introduction

### **Jason Morgan**

Vice President of Campus Operations/  
Campus President, Atlanta Campus

## Student & Alumni Awards Introduction

### **Ayana Emory**

Director, Career Development

## Student Speakers

### **Adane Ide**

Bachelor of Science in Business Management with a  
Concentration in Human Resource Management

### **Brittany Harden**

Master of Business Administration with a  
Concentration in Project Management

## Commencement Speaker

### **Renée Herzing**

University President, Herzing University

## Conferring of Degrees & Diplomas

### **Jim Kivikoski M.Ed.**

Sr. Student Services Specialist

## Hooding of Masters Candidates

### **Dr. Michael Velarde-Bell, Ed.D.**

Academic Dean

## Alumni Pledge

### **Normalee Sinclair-Buggs BSN, MSNNE**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing & Master of Science  
in Nursing-Nurse Education Nurse:  
August 2015 & April 2020

## Charge to Graduates

### **Terri Howard**

Associate Vice President of Diversity,  
Equity & Inclusion

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



### **Renée Herzing, University President Herzing University**

Renée succeeded her father, Henry Herzing, as president of the Herzing University System on March 1st, 2009. After attaining a bachelor's degree from Brown University, she taught abroad in Scotland and Germany for nine years before completing her Masters in Business Administration.

She has worked in various positions at Herzing University at the campus level, including registrar, director of admissions, and president of Herzing University online. In addition, Ms. Herzing has overseen the System's online, strategic planning, and information technology initiatives. She launched the System's Online division in 2003, which has grown from 100 students to over 2500 students.

In education, she is on the Steering Committee of the Higher Education Regional Alliance (HERA), the Board of WAICU (Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities), and a Trustee of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee. Renée served on the Board of Directors for the Career Education Colleges and Universities (CECU) and was the Chair of its Grassroots Committee. Additionally, she is active in national educational idea-sharing groups.

In the business community, she is a member of YPO (Young Presidents' Organization), an international organization of over 20,000 CEOs, where she has held a variety of leadership roles since 2011. She is also a member of the Greater Milwaukee Committee (GMC), on the Steering Committee of Milwaukee Women, Inc. and a member of TEMPO Milwaukee.

Outside of work, Renée enjoys playing rock music in a band with her husband and son, traveling, entertaining, learning languages, and spending as much time as possible with her two teenage children, including horseback riding with her daughter.

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS



### **Normalee Sinclair-Buggs BSN, MSNNE**

Normalee Sinclair-Buggs- started her career twenty-two years ago at Emory Healthcare as a technician on the Orthopedic floor. In 2000 she transferred to the Orthopedic and Spine Center where she worked as a Certified Medical Assistant for sixteen years, until she was accepted into Herzing Atlanta's BSN program. She completed her BSN August 2015 in the second graduating cohort. After referring over 15 students to Herzing University's BSN and MSN nursing programs, Normalee decided to return to school and earned her MSN-Nursing Education in April 2020. She currently serves as a Nurse Clinician II and preceptor for the Emory Orthopedic and Spine Center. She is also a board-certified Faith Community Nurse and a member of the Emory Mentoring Program. Normalee graduated with her BSN at the age of 56 and her MSN at the age of 60.

## STUDENT SPEAKER



### **Brittany Harden, MBA**

An Atlanta native, Brittany Harden enrolled into the Masters of Business Administration concentration in Project Management program at Herzing University with the desire to better the circumstances of her mom, her sister, and herself. Currently, Brittany works in the Insurance Industry while pursuing her long-term goal of expanding her consulting business using her talent of writing to impact the lives of women who struggle with recognizing their value. Brittany is currently writing a memoir entitled "Finding Home" with dreams of becoming a New York Times best selling author.

## STUDENT SPEAKER



### **Adane Ide**

Adane Ide is an international student from Burkina Faso, a beautiful land in West Africa. She left her home country in 2015 to pursue her degree in Business Management with a concentration in Human Resource Development at Herzing University.

## STUDENT OF THE YEAR



### **Andre Burte**

Andre Burte is a native of Florida. After working in Software Development for over seven years, Andre decided to return to school to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Software Development at Herzing University. He has maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout his program while actively serving his community.

## STUDENT OF THE YEAR



### **Ariana Mejia**

Ariana Mejia earned her Associates in Legal Assisting/ Paralegal while working a full time position as a legal assistant at a personal injury law firm. She has been on the President's List and maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout the entire duration of her program.

## ROSTER OF CANDIDATES

**Please Note:** This Commencement Program is a roster of candidates, not an official list of graduates. Appropriate degrees and honors are only awarded to candidates who successfully complete all requirements for program completion by established deadlines. Herzing University's official designator for degree conferral is the student's permanent academic record and is displayed on the official transcript.

### DIPLOMAS

#### DIPLOMA IN BOOKKEEPING AND PAYROLL ACCOUNTING

Cayse Scott  
Erica Turner

#### DIPLOMA IN INSURANCE BILLING AND CODING

Janelle Anthony  
Susan Kalebic (H)  
Cheri Nash (H)  
Carol Whitt

#### DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL ASSISTING

Patsy George (H)  
Jasmine Griffin  
Diamond Rich  
Crystal Ridley  
Jhalia Samuel  
Tiambra Walls

#### DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL BILLING AND INSURANCE

DeShanna Duke-Oliphant  
Ghitonya Richard

#### DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Cateria Montfort  
Sonita Tillman

## **ASSOCIATE DEGREES**

### **ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**

Adarian Dye (H)

### **ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION**

Cassie Banks

Quiana Bryant (H)

Shatella Crenshaw

Chenelle Duran (H)

Nubia Griffin

Chalma Johnston

Madeline Lampkin

Chanta Lauderdale (H)

Takendra Levins (H)

Mouammar Michel (H)

Mamie Minor (H)

Chasity Spivey

### **ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

Michelle Lett

Shelli Lockwood

Courtney Wimbush

### **ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN INSURANCE BILLING AND CODING SPECIALIST**

Joycelyn Horton-Searcy

Benajiah Jackson

Shaundra Jackson

### **ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN LEGAL ASSISTING/PARALEGAL**

Jean Hernandez (H)

Ariana Mejia (H)

Tamika Simmons (H)

Krista Weaver (H)

### **ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN LEGAL STUDIES**

Alexis Carty

Teann Peaker

## **ASSOCIATE DEGREES**

### **ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL ASSISTING SERVICES**

Dominique Dopwell

Akia Dumas

Matou Goumbala

Megan Johnson

Tashiya Langston

Tiffany McCannon (H)

Janee Rice

Chardae Smith

Tiffany Walker

Qiana Washington

### **ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL CODING**

Tatiana Evans

### **ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION**

Jessica Jones

Stratiesha Mahone

Brittany Stinnett

Amanda Willingham

## **BACHELOR DEGREES**

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING**

Momodou Gaye (C)

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**

Shakena Barrett (M)

Mariatou Mozwa (C)

Bogdan Vukolic (S)

Cody Wiese



**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT WITH A  
CONCENTRATION IN HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

Adane Ide (M)

Chelsey McGill

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER NETWORKING**

Laxmi Acharya (S)

Alyiah Hall (S)

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Rodney Jones (S)

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE WITH A  
CONCENTRATION IN HOMELAND SECURITY AND COUNTERTERRORISM**

Octavia Barksdale

Shanqueta Bradford

Walter Obasuyi (M)

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE WITH A CONCENTRATION  
IN MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP**

Kenyel Thomas

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CYBERSECURITY**

Aaron Black (C)

Tchilabalo Bodjolle (S)

Adam McDonald (S)

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT**

Tanasha B. Carr

Rachelle Ivie

Zakiyyah Johnson (S)

Etohn Nimene (S)

Gladys Ojih

Takilia Rowe (M)

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Ram Acharya (M)

Daphia Philemon

John Valentine

Timothy Woghiren

Trayvon Woodford

## BACHELOR DEGREES

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WITH A CONCENTRATION IN NETWORK MANAGEMENT

Dalyn Small

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WITH A CONCENTRATION IN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY

Anthony Robson

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Faith Aibangbee

Darien Anthony

Firewoini Areda

Oluwaseyi Bakare (C)

Itayshia Deane

Debra Durousseau

Adepeju Elesho

Kiara Evans

Jonata L. Fields

Jasmin Franklin

Teryn Griffin

Tiffany Harthone

Latrice Holt

Asi Ituen

Djunea Jackson

Tyna Jackson

Neidra King

Vanessa Gaspard Maitre

Shania Marriott-Blake

Teosha Meeks

Naomi Munene (M)

Tiffany Nelson

Mushiya Ntumba (M)

Amika Orok (C)

Patricia Pedraza

Suzie Pierre

## **BACHELOR DEGREES**

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

Brittany Sims  
Whitney Toombs  
Katelyn West  
Tamar Wilkins

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT**

Andre Burte (S)

## **MASTER DEGREES**

### **MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Amon-Ra  
Sonya Bridges  
Chastity Burt  
Sheree Campbell  
Russetta Celestine  
Mohit Chagarlamudi  
Luz Daza  
Norah Garrett  
Estefany Gil  
Jasmine Gregory  
Faizan Hameed  
Xiao Zhou He  
Michelle Johnson  
April Owens  
Natasha Viren Pandya  
Krushal Patel  
Priyank Patel  
Toi Rawls  
Sankofa Shakur  
Sabri Shukrikhudoev  
Natashia Wright

## MASTER DEGREES

### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION-DUAL CONCENTRATION OPTION

Haimanti Barua

### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IN HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT

Moses Moultrie

Prasanna Redapangu

### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Brittany Harden

### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IN TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

Sohil Hamid

Saima Shaheen

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING WITH A CONCENTRATION IN FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

Nicole D. Arnold

Ouida Carr

Marie Y. Elie

Khawnda L. Frazier

Maggie L. Gofan-Yleah

Bettina Y. Howard

Julie Knisely

Ahidjo Nfor

Olive Ngome

Valentine Nwafor

Ijeoma P. Okolo

Mgbeoma A. Onyeonula

Jacqueline Reid

Jane D. Yingomone

**POST MASTER CERTIFICATE**

**POST MASTER'S CERTIFICATE IN HUMAN RESOURCES**

Paula Samuel

**POST MASTERS CERTIFICATE FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER**

Estaban Guaderrama

Brittany Nembhard

Daniella A. Scott

## KEY TO HONORS

### Master Degree

Graduates receive the Masters degree hood as a recognition of academic achievement.

### Bachelor Degree Honors

*s = Summa Cum Laude (with greatest honor)*

A cumulative grade point average of 3.90-4.00 is recognized by a gold stole that is part of the graduate's academic regalia.

*m = Magna Cum Laude (with high honor)*

A cumulative grade point average of 3.70-3.89 is recognized by a double gold cord that is part of the graduate's academic regalia.

*c = Cum Laude (with honor)*

A cumulative grade point average of 3.50-3.69 is recognized by a double silver cord that is part of the graduate's academic regalia.

### Associate Degree and Diploma Honors

*h = Honors*

A cumulative grade point average of 3.50 to 4.00. is recognized by double white cord that is part of the graduate's academic regalia.

### Alpha Beta Kappa National Honor Society (ABK)

*† = ABK National Honor Society*

Alpha Beta Kappa National Honor Society membership inductees have a grade point average of 3.75 or higher and are recognized by wearing red, white and blue honor cords. Additional qualifications for membership include leadership and service in class and school activities, and personal integrity and good moral character. The purpose of the society is to help schools, colleges and universities how-so-ever organized and named, and their students and alumni through the encouragement and recognition of superior academic work and laboratory training in honorable fields of endeavor.

## HERZING UNIVERSITY ALUMNI PLEDGE

I acknowledge:

That I continue to be an essential part of Herzing University and shall represent the University proudly by mentoring and guiding others.

That I am fortunate and empowered by my education to positively invest in supporting the well-being of the people around me helping to build a strong and inclusive community.

I pledge therefore:

That I will remember to demonstrate the P.R.I.C.E. of Success values that I have learned of Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Caring and Engagement in all that I do – in the workplace, at home and in my network.

## HERZING UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Graduates, welcome to the Herzing University alumni circle! Please go to [alumni.herzing.edu](http://alumni.herzing.edu) and register to connect with classmates as well as enjoy the benefits of the Association.

**HERZING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Renee Herzing, M.B.A.**

System President, Herzing University

**Nigel Longworth, M.S.**

Chief Operations Officer

**Kitty Kautzer, ED.D.**

Provost

**Erik Parks, B.S.**

Chief Financial Officer

**Clay Gillespie, B.S.**

Chief Marketing Officer

**Bob Haimes, M.B.A.**

Executive Vice President, Operations

The faculty, staff, and administration of Herzing University cordially welcome graduates, their families, and their friends to this festive occasion and extend to each graduate heartfelt congratulations and best wishes on the journey ahead!



**Herzing University is an Institution of Higher Learning with  
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Herzing University, New Orleans

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Herzing University, Minneapolis

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