

# Herzing University

## Commencement Ceremony



Twenty-Eighth of January, Two Thousand and Twenty-One  
Online Virtual Ceremony

Facebook Live



# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b>	<b>Dr. Dan Peterson</b> Campus President, Online Division
<b>Student Award Introduction</b>	<b>Dr. Kelly May</b> Dean, Online Learning
<b>Student of the Year &amp; Student Speaker</b>	<b>Ryan Ball</b> Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice
<b>Commencement Speaker</b>	<b>Joseph “JB” Hill</b> Managing Partner, JBrady5 Consulting
<b>Conferring of Degrees &amp; Diplomas</b>	<b>Dr. Dan Peterson</b> Campus President, Online Division
<b>Hooding of Masters Candidates</b>	<b>Dr. Nathan Basta</b> Department Chair, General Education
<b>Alumni Pledge</b>	<b>Rosalind Cruz</b> Master of Science in Nursing with a Concentration in Family Nurse Practitioner, 2018
<b>Charge to Graduates &amp; Closing Remarks</b>	<b>Terri Howard</b> Associate Vice President of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion



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## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



### **Joseph "JB" Hill, Managing Partner JBrady5 Consulting (JB5C)**

As the founder of a successful company, a skilled diversity practitioner, talented leader with multiple awards, and a member of the Herzing University Healthcare Advisory Board, we are honored to welcome JB Hill as commencement keynote speaker.

Joseph B. Hill is the managing partner of JBrady5 Consulting LLC. Prior to launching JB5C, Joseph served as the Senior Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer for Thomas Jefferson University and Jefferson Health System in Philadelphia, PA. In this role, he was responsible for leading the integration of diversity, inclusion and health equity to ensure excellence in education, research and patient care.

Prior to joining Thomas Jefferson University and Jefferson Health System in 2015, Joseph served as Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer for Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee where he developed a diversity and inclusion program that became an integral part of the health system's values, strategy and operational initiatives. Under his leadership, Froedtert's diversity and inclusion team was nationally recognized for supplier diversity and health care equality.

Joseph earned a Bachelor of Arts from Virginia Union University, Master's of Arts from Howard University and a Certificate in Diversity Management in Health Care from Georgetown University and the Institute for Diversity in Health Management.

JBrady5 Consulting specializes in strategic consultation and thought leadership in the diversity, inclusion and community engagement arenas. Clients include business developers, educational institutions and health care providers in the United States and South Africa.

## STUDENT OF THE YEAR & STUDENT SPEAKER



### **Ryan Ball**

Ryan Ball is a 2020 graduate of the Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice program and currently serves as a Sergeant in the Cleveland Clinic Police Department. Prior to beginning his career in law enforcement, Ryan experienced success as a professional athlete playing basketball in the ABA and CBA. In 2020, he was inducted into the Ashtabula County Basketball Foundation Hall of Fame. After an injury ended his athletic career, Ryan followed his passion of helping people leading him to law enforcement.

After 17 years in law enforcement, Ryan's desire to pursue leadership increased and he enrolled into Herzing's Badge-to-Grad program giving him the opportunity to grow in rank. Working full-time as a Sergeant, Ryan has maintained a 4.0 grade point average. In law enforcement, Ryan has served as a Field Training Officer, Critical Incident Response Team member and in the bike patrol for national events. Ryan has great impact in his community and recently was instrumental in implementing critical improvements to the check-in procedure at Cleveland Clinic's COVID-19 testing site resulting in administering more than 70 tests an hour. He has also spearheaded coordination efforts with multiple agencies, including the National Guard and Secret Service to provide security coverage of 350 officers at a large, public national event.

Since completing his degree, Ryan has started the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice program to further enhance his policing knowledge. He is passionate about bridging the gap between law enforcement and the community, as well as inspiring fellow officers on the value of education.

Outside of law enforcement, Ryan enjoys spending time with his wife and family and golfing as much as possible.

## ALUMNI PLEDGE PRESENTER



### **Rosalind Cruz**

Having succeeded in the medical field for over 26 years, Rosalind has worked in a variety of roles ranging from medical assistant, registered nurse (RN), critical care transport RN, urgent care RN, and most recently as a nurse practitioner. Rosalind graduated from Herzing's MSN-FNP program with honors in August 2018. Seven months later, Rosalind became an online academic coach for Herzing University's FNP students where she continues to help students navigate the program and achieve their educational goals.

When Rosalind is not helping shape future nurses, she's running her own business. In the same year she became an academic coach, Rosalind followed her passion for intravenous insertions and started RC-NP Natural Health Services – a company that offers intravenous vitamin therapy drips for wellness, prevention, and health promotion.



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## 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

Lana Baker  
Ashanti Davis  
Akasha Helms

#### DIPLOMA IN INSURANCE BILLING AND CODING SPECIALIST

Shanee Brown  
Cori Crawford  
Joanna Edwards  
Amanda Higgs  
Sheena Manning  
Pres'ton Mercer  
Angel Mess **h**  
Sherry Moore  
Diana Perdue Dickerson  
Mercedez Rodriguez  
Tiffany Salisbury  
Kristie Saunders  
Karevia Simmons  
Jeremy Small **h**  
Tiffany Smith  
Jordin Speracino

## DIPLOMAS

### DIPLOMA IN INSURANCE BILLING AND CODING SPECIALIST

Megan Sullivan

Stephanie Tyler

### DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL ASSISTING

Jessica Amos *h*

Amanda Berlingeri

Chansie Boulter

Kaeli Buckley

Sonny Carter

Kayla Cofield

Tia Connors

Chelsea Cooper

Kelsey Dryden

Jasmine Fryer

Anarika Gallosa

Tara Green

Briana Holland

Carly Huelse *h*

Markila Johnson

Destiny Knight

Kheana Marshall-McBride *h*

Tiffany Mathewson

Cayla Mayon *h*

Ky'chelle Miller

Jessica Milwicz *h*

Andrea Papenfus

Autumn Phillips

Kayla Schroder

April Smith

Chasity Stanczyk *h*

Brittany Tate *h*

Arielle Taylor

Allison Wade

## DIPLOMAS

### DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL BILLING AND INSURANCE

Kim Brownlee  
Fabiana Diaz Vidal *h*  
Dawn Zachrich

### DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL CODING

Ceara Arrington-Stutts *h*  
Amelia Church *h*  
Christina Martin  
Lisa McCullough *h*  
Veronica McKenna  
Jamie Potts  
Monica Raymond  
Cynthia Van Holland

### DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Madelyn Brown *h*  
Alice Carter  
Alexandra Cepeda  
Kristy Coley  
Cydnee Dunkins  
Tiffany Golubski-Allen  
Kayla Harrison  
Genay Hills  
Stephanie Hunter  
Chelsea Knouse  
Rena Kolton  
Queenesia McCray  
Michael Mejia  
Anneliese Muzzy  
Jennifer Vicente  
Vera Waters *h*



## ASSOCIATE DEGREES

### ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Tiffany Brown *h*  
Stephanie Hills

### ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Ryan Ball *h*

### ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Kelli Ferguson

### ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

Tayonna Beasley  
Keila Malone  
Laura Nichols *h*

### ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Priscilla Frimpong *h*

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

Jonathan Cowie  
Brandy Depew  
William Hardwick  
Jessica Snyder *h*

### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING

Leah Russell

### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Shanikqua Johnson-Smith *h*  
Matthew Zito

### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Gabriel Flores *h*

### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Tefanie Bowser  
Jenna Heidemann

## ASSOCIATE DEGREES

### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Jessica Nadonza *h*

Amberlyn Trinh *h*

### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

Jabril Barnett

Audrianna Brundidge

Whitney Cutts-Smitherman

Diana Fontenelle *h*

Carmen Giardina

Monica Graham

Tiffany Hannah

Destiny Joy

Kristy Lachney

Eleatha Lewis

Shameika Martin

Teoma McKenzie *h*

Gabriela Noyola

Lerin Payne

Monica Stonesifer

Trevor Valentine

Nina Wilkerson

### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Roman Brackett

Damesha Poole

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

Kiernan Baskerville *h*

Daysha Eastburn

Felicia Foster

Kandi Irons *h*

Tanisha Jones

Jacquila Martin

Krystal Mcneely

Catherine Pena

## ASSOCIATE DEGREES

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

Caroline Rhodes *h*  
Briana Taylor *h*  
Dana Thompson *h*  
Karen Tipton *h*  
Ashley Wachtstetter *h*  
Shawntell Whitaker

### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN LEGAL STUDIES

Mikhara Coleman  
Nicole Lucas

### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL ASSISTING SERVICES

Jeffrey Brooks  
Jasmine Buckner  
Kelli Carlson *h*  
Natalie Dyer  
Paige Finley  
Alicia Hill  
Teresa Irvine  
Sherry Laing  
Latoya Marbury  
Zandra Matakó  
Gabriella Mercedes  
Sha-Kenya Murphy  
Sheri Perry *h*  
Alexis Pickens  
Bridgette Poole *h*  
Nikole Raines *h*  
Yolanda Rufus  
Angel Vanskiver  
Gabreyela Wiese  
Amanda Wolford *h*  
Rhonda Woppert  
Deondra Young *h*

## ASSOCIATE DEGREES

### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL BILLING AND INSURANCE

Madison Budd *h*

### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL CODING

Stephany Brubaker

Kelly Carlton

Jennifer Gardner *h*

Ericsteen Little

LeeAnn Prickett *h*

Rochelle Scott

Karen Ward *h*

### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Tasha Brown

Morgan Kaltenbach

Erin Kuklis

Katina Leathers

D'Angela Lockhart

Lakecil Mayfield *h*

Erika Moore

Kelsey Penix

Deiandra Perkins

Donecia Rodriguez

Donrisha Smith

Colby Smith

Angela Snyder

Bailey Vasquez

Sabrina Williams

### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

Frank Blee *h, †*

Christopher Murphy *h*

## BACHELOR DEGREES

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING

Brittany Carillon

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Brandon Coleman *c*

Allona Franklin

Patricia Orr *s*

Samuel White *s*

Tameka Williams

Bethany Zinn *c*

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

Eric McReynolds

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT WITH A CONCENTRATION IN MARKETING

Olivia Rich

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Zikiah Blackwell *m*

Thomas Byers *s*

Matthew McCaul *s*

Mattea Reed *s*

Mariah Reed *c*

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

Walter Obasuyi *m*

DiMario Walk

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

Kevin Wadley *m*

## BACHELOR DEGREES

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CYBERSECURITY

Dillon Ciokiewicz *s*

Dalton Wilkinson

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Amelia Conner

Kristy Kellogg

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT

Lakesha Phillips *s, †*

Fata Sinanovic *c*

Angela Smith

Jessica Smith

Holly Strickland

Raven Thompson

Jessica Watson *c*

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HOMELAND SECURITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Ronald Maugans *s*

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN RESOURCES

WaQuesha Jefferson *s*

Ann Sappington

Jacob Wagner *m*

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Jonathon Panke

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MARKETING

William Jacobs *c*

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Edgar Betancourt *s*

Megan Comeaux *s*

Gabrielle Crum

Taryn Heaton *m*

## BACHELOR DEGREES

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Patricia Izquierdo *c*

Amy Jenkins *m*

Gurdeep Kaur *s*

Margaret Manese *s*

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

Jake Gustafson *m*

Steven Rollinson *m*

## MASTER DEGREES

### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Titilola Ajayi

Christopher Bailey

Brittany Baker

Brittany Brown

Adam Fulk

Jason Garcia

Retunda Leonard

La'Rell Marion

Samantha Nirschl

Steffi Ramos

Rachel Hinton

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

Aneilla Alcin

Megan Arthur

Marie Augustin

Christina Bates

Sulaimy Benitez

Lancia Carter

Brianne Conklin

## MASTER DEGREES

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

Maria Earley

Krista Fink

Mitchell Fremstad

Summer Greer

Holly Guilbault

Sharon Heshner

Christine Hoffpauir

Michelle Iannello

Purity Iraki

Jessica Joubert

Trace Kelly

Caleb Ketchens

Lindsay Kirchner

Jin Hee Lee

Angela Lu

Bishal Malla

Michelle Murphy

Anna Nixon

Vicky Obanion

Kristian Oenbrink

Maria Ortiz

Anthony Pfister

Jason Pomonis

Jacqueline Reid

Johanna Rodriguez

Jennifer Rouse

Stephani Schutt

Gladys Smith

Ashley Stelly

Kadea Wade-George

Randi Wagner

Jennifer Weiner

Katie Williamson



## MASTER DEGREES

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING  
WITH A CONCENTRATION IN NURSING EDUCATION**

Christina Hoyt

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING  
WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
NURSING LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION**

Tara Bazile

**POST MASTERS CERTIFICATE FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER**

Kristen Benavidez

Cassandra Benoit

Leslie Bright

Kari Collier

Sharon Dunbar

Ericka Green

Jafy John

Alwin Joy

Theresa Kemp

Francoise Knoeppel

Cathy Lucas

Lelo Theo Ngoma

Kelsey Normile

Vivian Okorie

Jennifer Sadler

Erin Stratton

Josette Tanner

Alicia Whitley

**POST MASTERS CERTIFICATE IN TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT**

Parshayla Brown

# 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.

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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!

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