

# Herzing University

## Commencement Ceremony



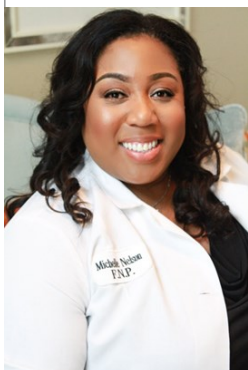
Seventh of May, 11:00 AM  
Two Thousand and Twenty One  
Herzing University, Atlanta, Georgia



# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b>	<b>Jason Morgan</b> Vice President, Campus Operations Campus President
<b>Student &amp; Alumni Awards Introduction</b>	<b>Dr. Michael Velarde-Bell</b> Academic Dean
<b>Student Speakers</b>	<b>Kevin Long</b> Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity <b>Ola Ajibade</b> Bachelor of Science in Nursing
<b>Commencement Speaker</b>	<b>Dr. Michelle A. Nelson</b> PhD, MS, APRN, FNP-BC-FAANP
<b>Conferring of Degrees and Diplomas</b>	<b>Jim Kivikoski M.Ed.</b> Sr. Student Services Advisor
<b>Distinguished Alumnus &amp; Alumni Pledge</b>	<b>Aimee Siegler</b> Associate of Science in Mechanical and Electronics CAD Drafting 1996, & Bachelor of Science in Technology Management 2006
<b>Closing Remarks</b>	<b>Dr. Freddy Allen</b> Sr. Admissions Advisor
<b>Charge to Graduates</b>	<b>Dr. Germika Brandon</b> Nursing Faculty

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



### **Michelle A. Nelson, PhD, MS, APRN, FNP-BC FAANP**

Dr. Michelle A. Nelson received her doctorate from Emory University in 2009 and continues to be involved in advancing nursing science to improve patient outcomes and support. As a Clinical Associate Professor at the Georgia State University Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing, Dr. Nelson teaches a wide range of clinical and research courses in both undergraduate and graduate programs. She has recently been appointed as the Program Coordinator of the Family Nurse Practitioner Program.

As an FNP, Dr. Nelson assists with developing a more detailed plan for vaccine distribution particularly at the point of care. As an educator, she is skilled in educating individuals regarding vaccination administration, side effects, and symptomatology. A proven leader in professional nursing associations and serving as the current president of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse organization, she encourages advanced education and certification. She serves on multiple state level nursing association committees including: Georgia Nurses Association (GNA), Georgia Association of Nurse Educators (GANE), Georgia Nursing Leadership Coalition (GNLC), and the national level committees for the National Organization for Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) and AARP. Dr. Nelson is active at the Georgia State Capitol where she has forged bipartisan support in advancing multiple bills aimed at strengthening scope of practice for nurses to promote the wellbeing of the citizens of Georgia in urban and rural communities. She credits her determination and will to her West-Indian parents who stressed the value of quality, advanced education and hard work. Dr. Nelson has received numerous nursing excellence and leadership awards including most recently the 2020 Atlanta March of Dimes Distinguished Nurse of the Year.

Dr. Nelson currently practices as a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) specializing in anticoagulation therapy at Staten Island University Hospital. She is also currently serving as the State President of United Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (UAPRN) of Georgia and is the Co-Director of the Coalition of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (CAPRN). Dr. Nelson is also the Chair and a founding member of Georgians United for Healthcare and serves on the Editorial Advisory Board for The Nurse Practitioner Journal.

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS



### Aimee Siegler

Aimee Siegler is the Global Compliance Manager at Benchmark Electronics. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Expression with minors in Dance and Spanish from Pennsylvania State University, an Associate of Science in Mechanical and Electronics CAD Drafting from Herzing University 1996, a Bachelor of Science in Technology Management from Herzing University in 2006 and a MBA from Green Mountain College.

Aimee is an American Society for Quality Fellow and holds five ASQ Certifications including Certified Manager of Quality and Organizational Excellence.

Aimee is an ASQ Member Leader and Girl Scout leader, and enjoys hiking, running and traveling with her husband Ron and their two children.



## STUDENT SPEAKERS



### Kevin Long

Kevin Long earned his Associate of Science in Information Technology degree from Herzing University-Atlanta Campus in August 2019. He then decided to return to Herzing University to earn his Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity with a concentration in virtualization and cloud computing security.

He has maintained a 4.0 Cumulative GPA for both degree paths and was inducted into the Alpha Beta Kappa Honor Society for his scholastic excellence.

Kevin has also obtained three industry-standard certifications.



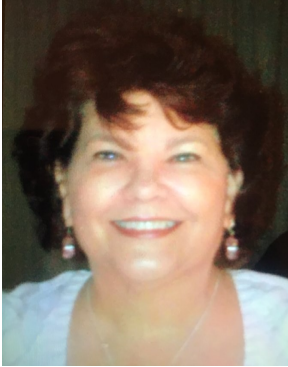
### Ola Ajibade

Ola Ajibade, is a single mom of three teenagers. Originally from Nigeria, she graduated from the Nigerian Law School in 2003 and immediately moved to the United States and began her legal career as a litigation paralegal and worked on medical malpractice and personal injury cases.

Growing up in Nigeria where the health system was poor, she believed that she could contribute to a better health system. As a prior military spouse, Ola had an opportunity to travel around the world and volunteer at military hospitals where her passion to nurture the sick grew daily and her passion for nursing evolved. It was no surprise when she decided to fulfil her dream and enroll into Herzing University Atlanta Campus Bachelor of Science Nursing Program.

Ola enjoys traveling, cooking, and spending time with her children.

## STUDENTS OF THE YEAR



### **Shannon Brown**

Shannon Brown a native of Hazlehurst Georgia, began her pursuit of legal studies at Herzing University in 2019 with the goal of obtaining an American Bar Association approved Paralegal degree and working for various attorneys as an independent contractor.

Shannon is a wife and mother of three. She enjoys new adventures, expanding her horizons and is looking forward to meeting new people and enjoying this next chapter in her life.



### **Fauzia Pesnani**

Fauzia Pesnani, MBA is from Karachi Pakistan. She has a Bachelor's degree in Nursing, Post-Graduation Diploma in Occupational Health and Management (Australia), and has earned her MBA in Healthcare Management from Herzing University in April 2021.

Fauzia has worked in diverse industries, including hospitals, oil and gas, pharmaceuticals, & NGOs. She is the first nurse in her country who started working outside of the hospitals in the corporate sector and opened the doors for the rest of the nursing community to work outside a hospital setting.

Fauzia's passion is working with cancer patients and developed an online Facebook page for cancer patient support groups. Fauzia is married, has two children and is passionately chasing her dreams to become a Ph.D.

## **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 INSURANCE BILLING AND CODING SPECIALIST**

Way Spikes

#### **DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL ASSISTING**

Shannon R. Christian (H)

Jennifer Patterson

Diamond Rich

Suekita Robinson

#### **DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL BILLING AND INSURANCE**

Satinajia Dawson

Courtney Smart

#### **DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL CODING**

Sharon LeBlanc

#### **DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION**

Tarenthia Geer

Carlie Kucko

Tyvonna Tennyson

### **ASSOCIATE DEGREES**

#### **ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING**

LaShonda Moore

## ASSOCIATE DEGREES

### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Tiarra Brown  
Sheridan Cupid  
Darnisha Davis  
Justus Demery  
William Dillard  
Nya Floyd (H)  
Tyrek Genus  
Essence Gilbert  
Skye Green (H)  
Chynelle Guiden  
Janyla Gunnerson  
Justin Guy (H)  
Joi Hardy (H)  
Ta-Merry Harrison (H)  
Ajah Hentz (H)  
Chad Johnson (H)  
Makayla Johnson (H)  
Mya Johnson (H)  
Ashanti Lawson (H)  
Madeline Miller  
Omarion Montgomery  
Stanley Pritchett  
Tyler Ragin  
Courtney Ragland  
Kameron Ray  
Jared Sterling  
Haley Tomlinson  
Christopher Walker  
Imani Williams

### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

Chalma Johnston  
Talaya Peterson



## **ASSOCIATE DEGREES**

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

Stevonnie Beckett

Sonja Bivins

Sedaysha Harrison

Eileen Humphreys

Deirdre Mcqueen

Marie Spears

Kendall Zubber

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

Shannon Brown

Mayra A. Guillen Rivas

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

Amani Blackstock

Jaimee Easley

Christy Humphrey

Anonchalant Sallard

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

Nan Free

Jamaya Wilkins-Jones

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

Jefferson James-Henderson

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT WITH A  
CONCENTRATION IN ENTREPRENEURIAL STUDIES**

Ylijah Burgess

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER NETWORKING**

Kharananda Biswa

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

Joseph Spain (S)

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

Kenyel Thomas

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CYBERSECURITY**

Kevin Long (S)

Reginald Robinson

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT**

Stacy Roberts (M)

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HOMELAND SECURITY & PUBLIC SAFETY**

Gabriel Duarter

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Samuel Laplante

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE NURSING**

Ola Ajibade (C)

Alejandro Arteaga

Zandria Brown

Cierra Coleman (C)

Prekchhya Dhakal (C)

Annette-Ashley Eno

Patricia Exantus

Mohammad Hamid (C)

Hadija Hussein (S)

Nancy Kamau

Ezioma Okebalama

Brandy Onwuzuruike

Rosalie Teele (C)

## **BACHELOR DEGREES**

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

Omon Ugboke

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

Shantika Delafosse

## **MASTER DEGREES**

### **MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Riya Adhikari

Blanca Luz Benavidez

Muboriz Jumaev

Larry Kemp

Natina Martins

Himani Patel

Fauzia Pesnani

Angelique Price

Nico Williams

### **MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, DUAL CONCENTRATION**

Haimanti Barua

Kandie Carter

Whitney Greene

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

Jennifer Boateng

Marie Charles

Grace Nyotu

Nakisha Williams

### **POST MASTER'S CERTIFICATE FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER**

Temeka Johnson

## 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**

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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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