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# **Commencement Speaker**



#### Cameron D. Hawkins Edwards & Hawkins, LLC

Mr. Cameron D. Hawkins is a trial lawyer who specializes in civil litigation with an emphasis on wrongful death, catastrophic injury, premises liability, transportation, and trucking law. Mr. Hawkins is passionate about the law and fervently advocates for each of his clients.

A Des Moines, Iowa native, Mr. Hawkins has established deep roots in Georgia. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from

Morehouse College and later earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Georgia School of Law.

While in law school, Mr. Hawkins was on the UGA Mock Trial Board and the UGA Moot Court Board. Mr. Hawkins has participated in and won multiple advocacy competitions throughout his law school career, where he received numerous awards for outstanding trial advocacy. He served as a research assistant for Professor Ron Carlson, an expert in Georgia Rules of Evidence. Mr. Hawkins was also selected as a pupil of the Joseph Henry Lumpkin Inn of Court and as an inductee into the National Order of Barristers.

Prior to founding Edwards & Hawkins LLC, Mr. Hawkins enjoyed a multidimensional professional legal career, where he practiced civil litigation for several well-respected law firms in the metro Atlanta area. Mr. Hawkins' experience also includes immigration law for the federal government and criminal defense; he now uses that experience to the benefit of his clients.

Mr. Hawkins is a member of the State Bar of Georgia, the Morehouse College Alumni Association and the University of Georgia Alumni Association. He is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Alpha Rho Chapter.

Mr. Hawkins is committed to community service, to youth and young professionals. He has served as Program Director for the Fulton County Youth Leadership Academy and as an assistant coach for numerous Mock Trial and Moot Court Teams. For his continued demonstrations of commitment to the community, Mr. Hawkins was recognized in 2017 as University of Georgia School of Law Young Alumni of Excellence. He is a recipient of several 40 under 40 awards and was Selected and recognized as a Georgia Super-lawyer as one of the 2021 & 2022 Rising Stars. Only 5 % of lawyers in the state are named as Super Lawyers, and no more than 2.5 % are honored as Rising Stars, which includes attorneys who are 40 years old or younger and/or have been practicing for 10 years or less. He is also a frequent panelist and lecturer, speaking upon his legal expertise.

# **President, Herzing University**



**Renee Herzing** University President Herzing University

Renée succeeded her father, Henry Herzing, as president of the Herzing University System on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

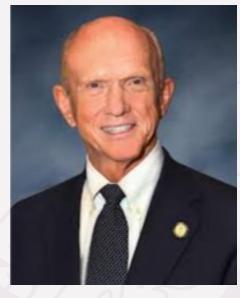
She has worked in various positions at Herzing University at the campus level, including registrar, director of admissions, and president of Herzing University online. In addition, Ms. Herzing has overseen the System's online, strategic planning, and information technology initiatives. She launched the 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. Renee 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.

# Founder, Herzing University



# Henry G. Herzing Founder, Herzing University

Henry G. Herzing is the Founder of Herzing University. His academic credentials include: B.S in Electrical Engineering from Northwestern University, M.S. in Electrical Engineering from New Mexico State University, and M.B.A. from Marquette University. Prior to founding Herzing University in 1965, his experience included Systems Engineering with Litton Industries and serving as Senior Missile Test Officer for the U.S. Navy at White Sands Missile Range.

Mr. Herzing served for fifteen years as President of Wisconsin Council for Independent Education. He was also President of The National Association of Trade and Technical Schools, and President of the Career Training Foundation. He served four years on the Board of Directors of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, a research institution on higher education.

By appointment of the governor of the state of Wisconsin, Mr. Herzing served on the Wisconsin State Advisory Council on Vocational Education for six years, including a term as Vice-Chairperson. He also served on the Governor's Education Advisory Committee, which functioned as an advisory committee on all aspects of education in Wisconsin.

Elected to the National Accreditation Commission for private career colleges in Canada, he served for four years as its Chairperson. As a tangible recognition of his contributions to career education, he has received the Community Service Award as well as the Outstanding Member Award from the National Association of Trade and Technical Schools. He has also received the "National Industry Leadership Award", from the National Association of Career Colleges (NACC) in Canada, making him the only person to be so recognized by national career college associations in both U.S. and Canada.

In his free time, Mr. Herzing treasures time with his wife, children and grandchildren. A student of foreign language and song, he loves sharing his appreciation of language and culture with friends and family. Mr. Herzing continues to pursue voice and dancing lessons and hopes to take additional culinary courses. He is a champion windsurfer (among the "ancient mariners" he says) and an aspiring golfer.

# **Student of the Year**



#### Rhonda Freeman Master of Science in Nursing with a Concentration in Family Nurse Practitioner

Rhonda Freeman has worked as a registered nurse in critical care for over 14 years and has earned her Master of Science in Nursing- Family Nurse Practitioner degree from Herzing University. She currently serves as a Rapid Response RN at Emory Hospital in Atlanta, GA. She has an extensive background in nursing informatics, as an education coordinator and is a clinic RN and is currently the Co-President of the Atlanta Area Chapter of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN). Rhonda has had the privilege to be a finalist for the 2021 Healthcare He-

roes in Action Award and Atlanta Journal Constitution 17th Annual Celebrating Nurses event nominee. In her spare time Rhonda is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. working diligently in her community serving others.

# **Distinguished Alumnus**



#### Amon-ra

Director and Founder, Zanzibar Spice Master of Business Administration, Class of 2020

Amon-ra, MBA serves as Senior Lifecycle Operations Engineer with General Electric, for over 5 years. He has supported the enterprise network operations and automation, on a global scale, in industries such as healthcare, aviation, power, oil & gas, lighting, capital, and renewables.

He earned his Bachelor's degree in Software Development

and MBA in Technology Management from Herzing University and holds CCNA, Cloud+, CCDA, and Security+ I.T. professional certifications, In his spare time, he enjoys exploring new technology, flying drones, cycling, and organizing charity efforts for school children located in Zanzibar. To date, over 1500 children have been served through his annual school supply initiative and there are efforts to expand this service to provide shoes and fund the building of an additional classroom to accommodate more children.

He is the Director and Founder of luxury coffee company Zanzibar Spice. Established in January 2021, Zanzibar Spice has positioned itself as the gateway to a pleasant and luxurious experience by providing premium coffee for all to enjoy. On a yearly basis, he travels to Zanzibar to personally visit coffee and spice farms and examine potential and sustainable fair-trade opportunities involving partnerships with local growers, in addition to coordinating charitable services. The company has recently expanded its product line to include coffee from various African regions such as Rwanda, Ethiopia, Burundi and there is more to come.

# **Roster of Candidates**

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.



### **Diploma in Bookkeeping and Payroll Accounting**

Jessica Hicks (H)

Tamara Jacques (H)

## **Diploma in Insurance Billing and Coding Specialist**

Alfredric Beaman III (H) Sherri-Ann Craig

> Quanteria Jones Arionaa D Jones

Tamesia Kennedy Carolyn D Lackley Liliana Gomez Larez Kiera Williams

#### **Diploma in Medical Assisting**

Janella Bryant (H) Scelcia Carlisle Lauren Cherry Jasmine Davis Jakenna C Evans Samantha M Garcia Menya V Gaye Tynecia Graddy Nicole S Grimsley Shakari Harris Valerie H Hess (H) Tashika S McKinnon Chante D Montgomery Chante Montgomery Saundra D Roberson Deleur C Sherwood (H) Shuntara Stamps Markesia Tune Alexandria Walls Ashely A Wedgeworth (H) LaDawn Woods

## **Diploma in Medical Coding**

Rachel A Branan Kaitlyn Hatfield Ellen Howard Holly C King (H) Carolyn D Lackley Mandy L Nattier (H)



# **Diploma in Medical Office Administration**

Lauren Cherry

Cherine Jones (H)

Trakelia T Fannin

## **Diploma in Sterile Processing**

Jemesha Rhodes

Brooklynn Schultz (H)



#### Associate of Science in Business Management

Jayvon Adams **Daune Blocker Deanna Brooms** Travis L Brown (H) Nadia S Browning Monica Carter (H) Madison Cust (H) Anna C Dietz Leilani Elesby Jordan Gallemore (H) Marshayla Hightower (H) **Dejah Hopkins** Jayden Jackson-Moore Brianna Jeffcoat Rammiyah Jones FaDima Keita Kayden Lewis Sharelle Lord (H)

Aurealia Lykes (H) **Cacee McClendon Raven McRae** Janae Morris **Alesha Paul** Nyanza J Paulk **Erica Phillips** Joi Ragsdale Tessa K Reese (H) Nataya Shepherd Jordyn Simmons (H) Lee Taylor Candace Taylor (H) Olivia Terrell (H) Joya S Williams Madison Williams (H) Danaeya B Witherspoon Ni'Asija Wright



#### Associate of Science in General Studies - Pre-Nursing

Asana Adams Raynesha C Adams Shebreta Alexander Andrea Andrew (H) Stacie N Ballance Haja M Donzo (H) Rosalyn S Duncan Deja Glover (H) Tekeya L Gresham (H) Natasha Heath-Wilson Ana I Morales Ceyouandra C Munoz Ifeoma F Odiete Galilea Osnaya Alcantar Rita T Owusu Juliessa Reynolds Ayana Sallins Arlasha Taylor Rashaad Washington

#### Associate of Science in Health Information Management

Patrese Harris Amy McCoy (H) Annabel Olson TelishaStout (H) Shaniece C Ware

#### Associate of Science in Healthcare Administration

Idella N Bacon Aaron Enakireru Johnnisha Goldston Layonna Harris (H) Lakida Harvin Veronica Herbert Nambi Kamanga (H) Melvin Mann (H) Tiffany M Moody (H) Jessica Ruiz Benn Larissa Similien (H) Ti'Anka Somerville Hannah N Whitaker Latoya Wilson Deshala Woods

## Associate of Science in Insurance Billing and Coding Specialist

Rebecca L Banks (H) Mary Huddleston Sharon L LeBlanc (H) Donisha McCrae Nakeishia N Norris Annabel Olson Alexandra Onwu Buffy M Robinson



#### Associate of Science in Legal Assisting/Paralegal

Alexandra L Cargill (H) Harolyn J McGirt (H) Katelyn Morris Kristen Mwaura Alvin G Navarre (H) James Paschall Sheida Shirazi

#### Associate of Science in Medical Assisting Services

Briana L Alexander Jacqueline Bailey Harley D Beck (H) Kanaria Brown Lacey A Bryant Shakelia Burdette Shakelia Burdette Jessica Clayton Jontrell Davis Mikera S King (H) Tomesia Lytle Ariana Meek (H) Lavisha Moore Jacorey Pitts (H) Janika J Poythress Reba Ramey Carmen Ramos Diamond S Rich Cynthia Shores Alfreda O Shufford Grisell Tanco Shanaka Taylor Brittany M Valler Shelly Ann Warren Charisse Watson Kaliyah Wynn

#### Associate of Science in Medical Billing and Insurance

Jessica B Chavez Danyelle Clark (H) **Yvonne Rivera** 

#### Associate of Science in Medical Coding

Cindy Hardy Justin W Linderman Justin W Linderman Cassie N Puckett (H) Alveta D Walker

#### Associate of Science in Medical Office Administration

Ashley Catlin Atearia Jackson Ashley E Mobley Jessica S Pitter Jacorey Pitts (H)



# Associate of Science in Nursing

Petrula Aaron Stephanie Coney Fatema Fazal Jeylnn Frieson Kiara Lewis Takeitha Ray LatishaRutland Michele Shepherd-Tigner Thomas Stewart Lisa Thomas (H)

## Associate of Science in Software Development

Lee Taylor



## **Bachelor of Science in Business Management**

Alidou Maiga Abdoulaye A Maiga Chourtnee Mack Mahavir Vaidya

## **Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice**

Daphane Childs Adrian M Ferguson (S) Tomeka L Flemming (M) Shaketa L Kindred Jerry Poole Frances K Reyes (M) Ashley A Stidons Guy Young

## Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice With a Concentration in Homeland Security and Counterterrorism

Kimberly Mccrimmon (M)

Jamaal Roche

DiMario Walk

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice With a Concentration in Management and Leadership

Kristy Elswick (S)

## **Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity**

William Jackson Mariama Jalloh Adebayo A Odeniyi (S)





# **Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship**

Jarrell Green (S)

Traci L Miles (S)

# **Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management**

Lakeia C Ashmeade (M) Tiffany Davy Nona R Watlington (M)

# **Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences**

Zandra L Benjamin (C) Quentin Brazell Quiana C Bryant (C) Brianna S Clemmons Sherika Decuir Melisa C Hernandez (M) Natanya Lancaster (S) Patrice Smith

## **Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration**

Kamia M Carter	Amanda Lane (M)
Alexis Dass	Jennifer L Lovelace (M)
Janice L Dent	Ceyanna Riley-Baxter (S)
Anna C Dietz	Safiatou Robinson
Shanteria Ezzard	Jessica Ruiz Benn
Amanda Kirby	Frederica Santiago (M)

# **Bachelor of Science in Homeland Security and Public Safety**

Simone Scott

## **Bachelor of Science in Human Resources**

Erica Bunn

Shannon Crump

## **Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Professional Studies**

Tamika L Boyd Lonnie J Cox (S) Agnes Duperval (C) Mouammar Michel



## **Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies**

LaShunta D Franklin (S) Eve Poythress Tamika L Simmons (C) Kayla Stachura (S)

#### **Bachelor of Science in Marketing**

StellaTrout (S)

#### **Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

Agatha Akande Adetutu S Akintoye Margaret Akinwande Akua Antwi Christelle Blanche K Bublitz (M) Hasan Chowdhury (C) Marquia D Colvin (C) Bazin Douyon (C) Sierra Dowdell Alicia Dunlap **Kiara Greenleaf** Malisha Guerrier **Diana H Hamilton Minott** Sherra S Hammond-Johnson Chelsi Harrison Muniba N Hussain Necola Jarrett

Briana Johnson Ajae E Jones Brice Lawley (M) Samoya McKenzie Horton Ky'chelle Miller Shirley Ndem Ugochukwu K Okebalama Vanessa Okyere (M) **Calixte Pointdujour** Janice RobinsonWilliams Felicia Serwaah-Donkor **Brittany J Sims** Amber Thomas Courtney R Tirado Adesuwa P Ugboke Ramatu W Umaru Ashma Webb

#### **Bachelor of Science in Software Development**

Eliana Morgan

**Bachelor of Science in Technology Management** 

Dale Williams (M)



### Master of Business Administration

Narasimha Bachu Edward Campbell Camilla Daniels German A Gambera Whitney Graves Tasha Keith Mani Bhushan Konduru Glendale Miller Walter Obasuyi Naeem S Popatiya Lejohn D Tate

#### Master of Science in Healthcare Administration

Sabrina Jackson-Cunningham

# Master of Science in Nursing With a Concentration in Family Nurse Practitioner

Ashalee Bercier	Aminata Mansaray
Rhonda Freeman	Toni McNeal
Sylvia Greenamyer	Bricelyn Moore
Paul Jackson	Sarah Nking
Joy Jennings	Johnnie Patterson
Rachel Kojis	Madina Saipova

# Master of Science in Nursing with a Concentration in Psychiatric Mental Health NP

Hayley Bivens Lakeesha Broughton Brittany Hall Molly McLaren Chinazo Obi

## **Post Masters Certificate Family Nurse Practitioner**

Tiffany Boyd

**Kimberley Edwards** 

#### Post Master's Certificate in Accounting and Finance

**Carrie Roeger** 

Morgan S Tatum

## **Post Master's Certificate in Data Analytics**

Larry D. Kemp

# Post Master's Certificate in Healthcare Management

Latasha Beard



# Post Master's Certificate in Human Resources

Angelique D Price

Nyrobi S Wheeler

# Post Master's Certificate in Project Management

Russetta M Celestine

Rossetta Rainey-Wilson

# Post Master's Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Rupal Patel

# Post Master's Certificate in Technology Management

Marsheena F Boyo



# 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.

# 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.

> Graduates, welcome to the Herzing University alumni circle! Please go to:

#### alumni.herzing.edu

and register to connect with classmates as well as enjoy the numerous complimentary benefits of the Association.

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# **Executive Committee**

## Renée Herzing, M.B.A.

**University President** 

## Nigel Longworth, M.S.

Chief Operations Officer and Chief Information Officer

#### Kitty Kautzer, ED.D.

**Chief Academic Officer** 

## Erik Parks, B.S.

Chief Operations Officer and Chief Financial Officer

# Clay Gillespie, B.S.

Chief Marketing Officer

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!



# Locations

## Herzing University is an Institution of Higher Learning with Locations in the Following States

Alabama Herzing University, Birmingham

**Florida** Herzing University, Orlando Herzing University, Tampa

Georgia Herzing University, Atlanta

**Louisiana** Herzing University, New Orleans

**Minnesota** Herzing University, Minneapolis

Ohio Herzing University, Akron

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