

HERZING UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT



Friday, September 15th 2023, 12:00 PM EST

Georgia World Congress Center

Atlanta, GA 30303

Commencement Ceremony

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**Welcome &
Introduction**

Sarah Higgins
Multi-Campus President

**Students of the Year
Award**

Simone Smith
Associate of Science in Legal
Assisting/Paralegal
Christina Domingue
Associate of Science in Insurance
Billing and Coding Specialist
Ulisha Hill
Associate of Science in Information
Technology
Leticia Amador
Bachelor Health Information
Management
Wiline Sylvestre
Bachelor of Science in Healthcare
Administration
Jasmine Stewart
Bachelor of Science in Human
Resources
Arielle Watts
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Shabnam Vadsaria
Master of Business Administration
Ceceillia Belcher
Master of Science in Nursing with a
Concentration in Nurse Education

**Student
Speaker**

Amira Vivolo
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**Commencement
Speaker**

Cassandra Kirk
Chief Magistrate Judge

**Conferring of
Diplomas**

Dr. Larry Doty
Vice President of Academic Operations

**Hooding of Master
Candidates**

Dr. Jose Cardenas
Department Chair, IT/SD Technology
Programs

**Distinguished
Alumni Award**

Wendy Jenkins, BSN RN
Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 2019

**Alumni
Pledge**

Wendy Jenkins, BSN, RN
Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 2019

**Charge to Graduates
& Closing Remarks**

Renee Herzing
University President

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Commencement Speaker



Cassandra Kirk

Magistrate Court of Fulton County

The Honorable Cassandra Kirk is the first Chief Magistrate Judge appointed by Governor Nathan Deal and elected twice by the people to serve Fulton County. Tasked to create Fulton's newly independent Constitutional court, Judge Kirk used her over 28 years of legal experience as a jurist, prosecutor, defense attorney, civil litigator, and administrative director to redesign how the Court serves its community.

Over her career, Judge Kirk spearheaded the creation of two accountability courts: Juvenile Drug Court and Misdemeanor Mental Health Court and served as

a judge in three of the four Constitutionally required courts in Georgia. Her mission with Magistrate Court is to create a Court that *Informs, Engages, and Empowers* our community. Under her leadership, the Magistrate Court created numerous avenues and opportunities to engage and empower the community, including restructuring case calendaring to reduce the time parties spend waiting in court, implementing mandatory civil e-filing, piloting a Misdemeanor Mental Health Court, creating the R.E.A.C.H. Clinic, a self-help Consumer Clinic, implementing Bang the Gavel: A Court Day Lunch and Learn Series, a monthly youth initiative that connects high school students with the Magistrate judges, and partnering with the Fulton Public Library to host a Magistrate Court 101 series. The Court was recognized with a Case Clearance Excellence Award for a three-year 254% clearance average and during COVID her team cleared nearly 85% of backlog cases (over 279,000 cases from 2019-August 15, 2023). Putting people first required substantial changes in how the Court functioned and Judge Kirk strives to tackle each obstacle.

As a result of her commitment to the community and the legal profession, Judge Kirk has received several awards and recognition for service and leadership, including being named Judge of the Year (Rolling Out Magazine and Women Works Media Group), Magistrate Judge of the Year (Georgia Association of Black County Officials), Humanitarian of the Year (Georgia Council of Magistrate Court Judges), Woman of the Year (Atlanta Business Journal and ACHI Magazine), was honored with the Power of Leadership Award (Black I Am Power and Entertainment Awards), Unsung Heroine Award (Saving Our Children and Families), Women of Strength (The Shaquille Clarke Foundation), and was named one of Atlanta Business Journal's Top 25 Extraordinary Atlantans, as well as a Georgia Legal Trailblazer (Daily Report).

Judge Kirk further supports the community through service to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., North Avenue Presbyterian Church (College of Elders) and the Boards of Directors of The Atlanta Resource Foundation, EduHousing, the Southern Advisory Committee to Children's Rights, and Chris 180 Advisory Board. Judge Kirk received her B.A. from Williams College, and her J.D. from Washington and Lee University School of Law.

Student Speaker



Amira Vivolo

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Amira Vivolo was born and raised in Connecticut and worked for over 15 years in California as an ophthalmic technician and surgical technician before starting the Herzing University Nursing School Program in 2020.

She lives with her husband Blake Vivolo in Columbus, GA where he serves as an active military Emergency Department Nurse at the Martin Army Community Hospital at Fort Moore, GA.

She loves her family, best friend Lindsay Oberg, stand-up comedy, running, and video games. She shares that her husband Blake, grandfather and grandmother Geoffrey and Katherine, mother and stepfather Christine and Mike, siblings Geoffrey, Gianna, and Tony, aunt and uncle Patty and Joe, cousins Craig and Nick, and mother- and father-in-law Helena and Wayne helped mold her into the caring person she is today.

You can currently find Amira as an Ortho-Trauma Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse at Piedmont Columbus Midtown.

Distinguished Alumnus



Wendy Jenkins, BSN

Hydrodrip Medical Spa
Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 2019

Wendy Jenkins is a proud wife and mother of three boys who are her source of joy and inspiration. Wendy is an accomplished and dedicated nurse who graduated from Herzing University Atlanta's Bachelor of Nursing program in 2019 with honors. She was a top student who excelled in both academic and clinical settings, and demonstrated leadership skills among her classmates.

Wendy has gained valuable experience as a travel nurse, working in various hospitals across the country and provided quality care to diverse populations. She has also shared her knowledge and expertise with Nursing Students, both as a mentor in the hospital setting and as an instructor in the classroom. Wendy is not only a nurse, but also an entrepreneur. She is the founder and owner of Hydrodrip Medical Spa, a wellness center that offers hydration therapy and other services to improve health and beauty.

Wendy's passion is to make a positive difference in the lives of those that need her most, whether they are patients, students, or customers. She is currently pursuing her Masters in Nursing to become a Family Nurse Practitioner, a role that will allow her to expand her scope of practice and help more patients through primary care. Wendy is a role model for aspiring nurses and a leader in her field!

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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.

Diplomas

Diploma in Book Keeping and Payroll Accounting

Demetrius Whitfield

Diploma in Insurance Billing and Coding Specialist

Lolita Barksdale

Taylor Boyd

Erica Burney

Fiona Forbes

T'sheca Nickel

Caroline A Richburg

Vanchelle Robinson

Beza Woldeyesus

Amanda Wynn

Diploma in Medical Assisting

Mary Adams

Tinesha Arnold

Janikka Bascom *h*

Rose Bolster *h*

Akeisha Brooks

Sheniga Catlin

Charise Carrol

Mariah Hicks

Pricilla Feliz

Destini McMahon

Shamekia Jackson

Cayley Miller

Kaylen Minor

Palisia Robinson

Danielle Sterling

Constance Williams *h*

LaDonna Russell

Shariff Tolbert

Diploma in Medical Coding

Joyce Badie

Amber Polk

Diplomas

Diploma in Medical Office Administration

Katie Adams
Shameka Childs
Londora Davis

Sheree Keller
Melissa Reid
Brianna Wade

Diploma in Sterile Processing

Terra Argueta *h*
Quana Bray
Amber Clark
Tiffany Fort
Andrea Gordon-Taylor

Desiree Harrison
Shukerial Lambert
Jaya Sessions
Keneshia Waldon

Associate Degrees

Associate of Science in Business Management

Oluwatosin Adeyemi *h*

Trae Blount

Kiandra Harris *h*

Deasia Jacobs

Jermaine Passmore

Sonia Simon

Associate of Science in General Studies-Pre-Nursing

Jessica Bentley

Belinda Bruno

Roshay Daniels

China Garland

Samiyah Gumbs *h*

Louisa Harmon *h*

Chaquetta Jackson

Erica Jackson-Brown

Tamika Johnson

Philiyah McCoy

Tayana Michel

Nakeisha Smyles

Grace Tshibuabua Ngindu

Associate of Science in Healthcare Administration

Leslie Ayala *h*

Audrey Durham

Asha Higginbotham

Constance Johnson *h*

Deonte Robinson *h*

Katrina Stroud *h*

Associate of Science in Health Information Management

Leticia Amador *h*

Jessica Coleman

Associate Degrees

Associate of Science in Insurance Billing and Coding Specialist

Christina Domingue *h*

Associate of Science in Information Technology

Christopher Joewarzer

Ulisha Hill

Associate of Science in Legal Assisting/Paralegal

Rakeya Harris

Simone Smith *h*

Associate of Science in Legal Studies

Mary Jackson

Associate of Science in Medical Assisting Services

Kuwana Harrington

Journey Smith

Noella Kelly

Qiana Washington

Alexius Lynn

Jasmine Wearbon

Kay Neal

Shakira Wells

Katisha Robinson

Associate of Science in Medical Coding

Martella Radford

Associate of Science in Medical Office Administration

Deidre Abrams *h*

Deiandra Perkins

James Etheridge

Associate of Science in Nursing

Nickashae Fisher

Shana Reed

Jacquise Johnson

McCurith Williams

Bachelor of Science in Business Management

Kyle Arnold	Anastasia Simpson
Jazmin Mazhar Burr c	Jazymn Sippo
Saad Muzafar c	Arsalan Sundrani c
Erica Phillips c	Lauren Weaver
Muhib Rehman m	

Bachelor of Science in Cyber Security

Luis Diaz s

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

Sharnae Holman-Foster

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

Preston Capers s

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Desiree Allen
Zacharias Newton

Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship

John Napier-Wilburn

Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration

Nykhia Brown	Brianna Melson c
Demetria Goffney c	Wiline Sylvestre s
Nambi Kamanga m	

Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management

Maya Carter	Anna Lee
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Bachelor's Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Human Resources

Consevilla Wise

Jasmine Stewart

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

Juliane Carson

Tashiya Langston

Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies

Samantha Buell

Harolyn McGirt *c*

Carमेva Echols *s*

Keyonna Wallace

Arlene Holmes

Savannah Williamson *m*

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

Juliane Carson

Tashiya Langston

Bachelor of Science in Marketing

NaQuiesha Peterson

Bachelor's Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Michelle Alexander	Lindsay Oberg
Deborrah Alexander	Sasha Pabai
Danyel Coleman <i>c</i>	Shandrea Palmer-Pollard
Mackenzie Creech	Bhavi Patel
Christian Dills	Kaitlyn Pollen <i>c</i>
Adrionna Chapman	Latoya Rodgers <i>m</i>
Gabrielle Fomunung	Carolee Smith
Victoria Francois <i>c</i>	Lori Thomas
Tomika Galmore <i>s</i>	Amira Vivolo <i>m</i>
Ambily Jacob <i>c</i>	Stephanie Wallace
Keyonna James	Arielle Watts <i>c</i>
Katarzyna Jankowska	Nyiah Johnson <i>m</i>
Joseph Jenkins	Agnes Manu <i>c</i>
Kareen Lascelles <i>m</i>	Norbert Njoku <i>m</i>
Quianna Michel	Chanrasmey Try <i>c</i>
Nassor Mohamed <i>m</i>	

Bachelor of Science in Project Management

Lana Matthon

Master's Degrees

Master of Business Administration

Alexis Dass	Kusuma Sathapati
Arzoo Dhanani	Mia Silva
Demetria Forbes	Shabnam Vadsaria
Briyana Mccarr	Candace White
Adedayo Oluokun	

Master of Science in Healthcare Administration

Janice Dent	Chanta Lauderdale
Sabrina Jackson-Cunningham	

Master of Science in Nursing with a Concentration in Family Nurse Practitioner

Crystal Allen	Lopez Mayo
Mary Bankole	Chidinma Ohligbo
Isaura Cabrera	Gonzalez Quintero
Christian Howell	Jamie Tooles
Cynthia Krauss	

Master of Science in Nursing with a Concentration in Nurse Education

Ceceillia Belcher	Cherrelle Hawkins
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Master of Science in Nursing with a Concentration in Nurse Leadership and Administration

Riva Rios

Master of Science in Nursing with a Concentration in Nurse Leadership and Administration

Dumpka Biragbara	Dana Lewis
Vanessa Bollers	Catherine Mbanefo
Jillian Carolla	Kanasha Ross
Israel Egeruo	Kelley Whitfield
Carol Embry	Deneice Wickens
Jessica Hawkins Cross	

Post Masters Certificate in Human Resources

Shamonica Darden

Post Masters Certificate in Family Nurse Practitioner

Kalissia Parker
Chyrstal Rucker

Daisy Smith

**Post Masters Certificate in Psychiatric
Mental Health Nurse Practitioner**

Ihuoma Aguru
Crystal Baddard
Ericka Green
Lavonnie Hamler
Badie Jones

Juanisha Marshall
Temilola Oladotun
Adrienne Prettyman
Kayla Ulmer
Kendell Williams

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 is open to undergraduate students who have a grade point average of 3.75 or higher and are recognized at commencement 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 however 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.

Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (STT)

Σ = STT International Honor Society

Induction into the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing is open to undergraduate nursing students who have completed one half of their nursing curriculum, achieved academic excellence demonstrated by a GPA of 3.0 and rank in the upper 35% of their class; membership is open to graduate nursing students who have completed one quarter of their program and have achieved academic excellence demonstrated by a GPA of 3.5. Students are recognized at commencement by wearing purple and white honor cords or stole. The society is an international community of nurses, dedicated to the advancement of knowledge, teaching, learning, and service through the cultivation of communities of practice, education, and research. Members include clinical nurses and administrators, academic nurse educators and researchers, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and others working to fulfill the organization's vision of connected, empowered nurse leaders transforming global healthcare.

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! Keep in touch and access your no-cost alumni benefits!



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Executive Committee

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Erik Parks, B.S.

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Clay Gillespie, B.S.

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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!



Locations

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

Alabama

Herzing University, Birmingham

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Herzing University, Orlando

Herzing University, Tampa

Georgia

Herzing University, Atlanta

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Herzing University, New Orleans

Minnesota

Herzing University, Minneapolis

Ohio

Herzing University, Akron

Tennessee

Herzing University, Nashville

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