

# HERZING UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT



Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 2023, 07:30 PM CT

Minneapolis Convention Center

Minneapolis, MN

# Commencement Ceremony

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**Welcome &  
Introduction**

**Jeff Hill**  
Regional President - Minneapolis  
& Wisconsin Campuses

**Commencement  
Speaker**

**Jasna Burza**  
Life and Business Strategist

**Conferring of  
Diplomas**

**Daniel Marcelle**  
Academic Dean

**Hooding of Master  
Candidates**

**Daniel Marcelle**  
Academic Dean

**Alumni  
Pledge**

**Kevin McCarthy**  
Master of Business  
Administration, 2022

**Charge to Graduates  
& Closing Remarks**

**Renee Herzing**  
President, Herzing University

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# Commencement Speaker



**Jasna Burza**  
Life and Business Strategist

Jasna Burza is a powerhouse in personal development and transformation. With an electrifying presence that captivates audiences worldwide, Jasna is not only a prominent keynote speaker but also a best-selling author of "Healer in Heels." Her vibrant energy and unwavering passion have also made her one of the most sought-after life coaches.

With decades of experience and a remarkable journey that includes surviving the war in her native Bosnia and Herzegovina, she embodies resilience and inspires others to discover their inner strength, purpose, and deeper meaning in life.

Jasna has been featured on CBS-WCCO as "A Minnesotan to Meet" and is a familiar face on various news and TV shows, captivating audiences with her empowering message.

Jasna's words possess an innate ability to ignite inspiration and spark profound change. Seamlessly blending wisdom, charisma, and practical strategies, she effortlessly connects with her audience, leaving them invigorated and ready to conquer any challenge that comes their way. Her unique approach combines deep spirituality, personal empowerment, and strategic action, guiding others to unlock their true potential and achieve extraordinary success.

To learn more about Jasna, she connects with her audience and shares great insights on her Instagram page [@jasna.burza](https://www.instagram.com/jasna.burza).

# University President



**Renée 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. 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.

# 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 Dental Assisting

Rahael Abraham	Vanessa Kohout <i>h</i>
Nagma Adem	Afton Lundquist
Ridwan Afrah	Jenna Lyons
Shari Austin	Evelyn Manteufel <i>h</i>
Megan Bakke	Mahalia Mgeni
Breanna Birch <i>h</i>	Madison Mihajlov <i>h</i>
Kimberly Bundrum	Alexis Mihajlov
Kaylee Burkett-Behun <i>h</i>	Leslie Morado
Sydney Burns	Blake Morris
Afton Campbell <i>h</i>	Mikayla Niederkorn
Ava Chapman	Randall Peralta Jimenez
Adiya Dennis	Brenda Perez Alvarado
Halie Essig	Brianna Peterson
Ashley Gilbert	Marissa Pratt-Jackson
Shanna Gulan	Catrina Saarela
Chenmingzing Her <i>h</i>	Ayan Said <i>h</i>
Anessa Hinze	Amanda Stern
Cayla Hirlston	Emily Strand <i>h</i>
Mercylin Dyana John <i>h</i>	Sydney Waters
Ayisha Johnson	Frida Wichterman
Kalyn Jorgenson	Kristi Wilber
Isabella Juve	Maslibdas Xiong
Haja Kaba	

## Diplomas

### Diploma in Insurance Billing and Coding Specialist

Andrea Barlow *h*

Dezir Williams

Cynthia Randall *h*

### Diploma in Medical Assisting

India Hawthorne

Christine Rewey

April Krienke *h*

Keiondra Washington

Faith Lusk

### Diploma in Sterile Processing

Ubah Aden

Jasmine Mojica *h*

Danica Haley *h*

Kousou Yang

## Associate Degrees

### **Associate of Applied Science in Dental Assisting**

Fatuma Abdulkadir	Hannah Kern
Tori Albrecht	Catherine Koheneh <i>h</i>
Esraa Aqel	Asma Mohamud
Abigail Beranek	Brooke Paradise <i>h</i>
Leanna Christen <i>h</i>	Qasim Qasim <i>h</i>
Samantha Giaquinto <i>h</i>	Angela Reyes
Bobbie Grosfield <i>h</i>	Alicia Schumacher <i>h</i>
Ashley Heise	Jaelynn Smith-Harmon
Brooke Hogan	Paige TeGantvoort
Caitlin Johnson	Jeannine Weise
Ashley Johnson <i>h</i>	

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

Deddeh Cooper	Ikram Salah
Festo Chris Dufitumukiza	Ruweada Yassin

### **Associate of Applied Science in Healthcare Administration**

Tiffany Anderson <i>h</i>	Sophie Wajda
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### **Associate of Applied Science in Medical Office Administration**

Angela Renville

### **Associate of Science in Medical Assisting Services**

Caisha Ahmed

## Bachelor's Degrees

### Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

Rachel Boros	Taylor Istvanovich
Destiny Campbell <i>c</i>	Karley Kirkhoff
Keyanna Caruthers	Madison Krinke
Maria Cruz <i>m</i>	Anjeza Lazaj <i>m</i>
Claire Cutler <i>c</i>	Ruth Moma
Abigail Draack	Evelynn Moua <i>m</i>
Tia Dunagan <i>c</i>	Miesha Pearson
Anja Erickson	Hannah Peterson <i>m</i>
Savannah Fairfield	Morgan Peterson
Chesney Grant <i>c</i>	Cassandra Schmidt
Taylor Haar <i>c</i>	Jenna Stokke-Erickson
Zeina Harb <i>c</i>	Justyce Voss
Abigail Harrison <i>m</i>	Trang Vu <i>m</i>

### Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration

Mery Alemo	Rain Ozturk <i>m</i>
Magen Olsen	Kathleen Stanley <i>s</i>

### Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management

Maryama Abdulkadir	Mai Thao <i>c</i>
Sumaya Salad	

### Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

Madison Davis *m*

### Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies

Lee Chang *c*



## Bachelor's Degrees

### Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Malika Abdi	Alexis Holte
Bahja Abdikafi	Micah Hunter Small
Isaac Acheampong c	Vanessa Kontz
Khadija Aden	Liam Jellum c
Yusuf Ahmed	Mariah Kalamaras
Hodan Ali	Hannah Kuenstler
Haidyn Andrea	Kelly LaRose
Mouna Awaleh c	Melissa Lau
Olivia Berg	Ice Lee
Alysha Bergstedt	Cecelia Leska
Molly Berlinger	Luis Luviano Evangelista
Maxwell Buffie	Marwa Mahmud
Paige Carlson	Javin Medenwaldt
Tenzin Choneyi c	Kristi Meyer
Cynthia Combay	Jordan Meyer
Jessica Copeland	Cristina Meza
Tenzin Dekyong	Elisa Miller
Mikaela DePauw	Sundus Mohamed
Sarah Domagala	Winta Mosazghi
Olivia Eckerdt	Zamzam Mumin
Olivia Eiesland	Ntundu Mwanasomwe c
Jasmon Ellis	Yazmin Navarro-Lopez
Joshua Ferrence c	Mercy Neekpo c
Kathleen Gaffke c	Heather Neisen
Lila Ginsburg	Mariama Njie
JacQue Gordon	Emily Norbeck
Narissa Greenwood c	Lois Nyasani c
Emma Haag	Hayley Oestreich
Celeste Hall	Leah Ogega
Grace Hedger	Hibakh Omar
Theresa Hendricks	Diana Ondieki
Bailey Hoffman	

## Bachelor's Degrees

### Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Continued)

Canab Osman	LaVina Taylor
Erica Packer	Sanita Travis
Claretta Paye	Anna Trenary
Carla Peralta	Tenzin Tsangyang
Laura Pone Njah	Chimdinma Ude
Sandra Quintana	Ariel Vang
Amanda Raabe <i>m</i>	Lillian Vang
Kaitlin Reichel	Josephine Vouk <i>m</i>
Tianna Ross	Jaime Walton
Arianna Rotty	Malaya Ward
Cybil Saah	Adora Weeres
Kelsey Scheer <i>s</i>	Courtney Wilson
Sophie Schuett <i>c</i>	Blessing Witteveen
Daniel Seiberlich	Amanual Wolday
Heropatra Sinatue <i>c</i>	Mamie Wu
Kaylie Smith	Kao Lee Xiong
Natalie Smith <i>s</i>	Tang Xiong
Sidney Speich	May Xiong
Andrew Swierczek	Sophia Zelaya
Rana Syed	Julie Zukosky <i>c</i>

## Master's Degrees

### **Master of Business Administration**

Jackie Brumskine

Thomas Persinger

Kirsten Clarke

### **Master of Science in Nursing with a Concentration in Nursing Education**

Joanna Hogan

## Post Master's Certificate

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

Carolyn Thompson

# 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

**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

## **Tennessee**

Herzing University, Nashville

## **Wisconsin**

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Herzing University, Kenosha

Herzing University, Madison

Herzing University, Online

Herzing University Central Administration

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