

# HERZING UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT



**Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 2024, 10:00 AM ET**

John S. Knight Center

Akron, OH

# Commencement Ceremony

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**Welcome &  
Introduction**

**Bill Cassidy**  
Campus President

**Student of the Semester  
Award**

**Sarah Miller**  
Diploma in Practical Nursing

**Student  
Speaker**

**Kate Costello**  
Master of Science in Nursing in  
Nursing Education

**Commencement  
Speaker**

**Julie M. Johnson**  
CEO, Hunger Network

**Conferring of  
Diplomas**

**Stephanie Newman**  
Academic Dean

**Hooding of Master  
Candidates**

**Bill Cassidy and Stephanie  
Newman**  
Campus President and  
Academic Dean

**Alumni  
Pledge**

**Kate Costello**  
Master of Science in Nursing in  
Nursing Education, 2023

**Charge to Graduates  
& Closing Remarks**

**Bill Cassidy**  
Campus President

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## Commencement Speaker



**Julie M. Johnson**  
CEO  
Hunger Network

Julie M. Johnson, a native of northeast Ohio, has been the CEO of Hunger Network since 2020. Prior to this role, she was the President & CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of the Western Reserve and the Director of Development & Marketing for Malachi House. She has 30 years in leadership, non-profit and fund development experience working primarily with underserved, disadvantaged and marginalized populations. Throughout her career, Julie has served several grassroots organizations that focus on providing school- and community-based services to youth and families in urban, suburban and rural settings.

Julie received her Bachelor of Arts in English, with a minor in Classics, from Allegheny College. She was recently named in Cleveland Magazine's *Give Cleveland* top 200 nonprofit leaders, recognized in 2022 and 2021 in *The Cleveland 500*, and has been honored as a Woman of Distinction by the North East Ohio Girl Scouts in 2019.

Julie is a founding member of Cleveland Women in Business for Good, as well as an alumna of Leadership Akron (Class 34) and Cleveland Bridge Builders (2002). She currently serves on the Advisory Board of Cuyahoga County Division of Senior and Adult Services, the Livable Cleveland Advisory Council, and has held numerous board and leadership positions for organizations including Koinonia, the Association of Fundraising Professionals of Greater Cleveland, and the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Association of Ohio.

Thank Julie for your commitment to the community, selfless giving to others, and joining the University as our commencement speaker!

## Student Speaker



### **Kate Costello**

Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Education

Kate is a December 2023 graduate from Herzing University with a Master of Science in Nursing Education. After graduating from Kent State University in 2013 with an ADN, Kate began her career in labor and delivery and high-risk OB, and then went on to receive her BSN from Ohio University. After working at the Cleveland Clinic for three years, she began travel nursing, completing contracts at

New York Presbyterian in New York City, Stanford Children's Hospital in Palo Alto, and Kaiser Permanente in San Diego.

Since 2019, Kate has been a clinical and lab instructor at Herzing University. She enjoys sharing her passion for nursing with her students and is excited about the next chapter of her nursing education career. Kate lives in Akron, Ohio, with her husband and two young sons. She loves spending time with her family, traveling, and outdoor activities like hiking and skiing.

## Student of the Semester



### **Sarah Miller**

Diploma in Practical Nursing

Sarah always wanted to work in the medical field, and started her journey as a Medical Assistant. Initially she doubted her ability to become a nurse, but life with kids was the motivation she needed to push her to courageously move forward. With perseverance and the support of those around her, Sarah made it happen! She is now continuing to learn and advance in her nursing career!

# 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 Bookkeeping and Payroll Accounting

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### Diploma in Insurance Billing and Coding Specialist

Trisha Chepote <i>h</i>	Deanna Latkovich <i>h</i>
Tara Dowling	Reva Perry
Kimberly Faust <i>h</i>	Diana Rowe <i>h</i>
Danielle Hammond <i>h</i>	Keyira Walker
Taylor Inman <i>h</i>	Charlmaine Williams
Angelica Kratzer	Dezir Williams
Heather Kirkland	Sadie Yurick

### Diploma in Information Technology Technical Support

Vonetta Cartwright

### Diploma in Medical Assisting

Alayna Allison	Janaea Coker
Caitlin Baer <i>h</i>	Natasha Dalton
Adria Bateman	Jasmin Dingle
Gretchen Boyce <i>h</i>	Tonya Hawkins
Kyonna Buck	Kimberly Heady
Shelley Bunyard <i>h</i>	Natasha Humbarger <i>h</i>
Ashley Burgemeir <i>h</i>	Pamela Humphrey
Danyel Burrows	Rebecca Kinzel
Rhonda Caudill <i>h</i>	Anna Leitzman <i>h</i>

# Diplomas

## Diploma in Medical Assisting (cont.)

Deanna Leonard

Demishia Looney

Daneshia Motley

Bailey Otwell

Nimol Pech *h*

Shianne Pugh

Marianne Rivinius *h*

Constance Williams *h*

Daniel Workman

Sarah Yates *h*

## Diploma in Medical Coding

Caitlin Turpin

## Diploma in Medical Office Administration

Taylor Heffron

Kenneisha Hill

Nichole Miller

## Diploma in Practical Nursing

Ashley Bell

Crystal Carmichael

Quontiqua Culver

Alexis Dorsey

Kristasia Dykes

Kaleb Harlow

Adreanna Helwig

Kristin Kapottos

Okeisha Little

Kimberly Magill

Sarah Miller *h*

Jena Mowery

Kimberly Van Horn *h*

## Diploma in Sterile Processing

Whoosthaminah Oreste

DeVereau Powell

Tonciauna Prince *h*

Tanya Slaughter

Melita Smith

Charnita Tucker *h*

## Associate Degrees

### **Associate of Applied Science in Accounting**

Lisa Savich *h*

### **Associate of Applied Science in Business Management**

Jesslyn Finn

Chance Mullins

Timara Jackson

Barbara Tyson

### **Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice**

Rachel Gibson *h*

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

Memunatu Kamara *h*

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

Tiara Bridges

Melanie Romano

Ruby Lesure *h*

### **Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Management**

Ashley Huffman *h*

Hyiamang Odoom

### **Associate of Applied Science in Insurance Billing and Coding Specialist**

Sarah Bartes

Emily Kessler

Toni Fittante

Patricia Lewis

Gabrielle Gilbert

Mercedez Rodriguez

### **Associate of Applied Science in Legal Studies**

Mary Jackson

Shayquella Payne-Pryer

## Associate Degrees

### Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting Services

Regina Carlisle *h*  
Jasimine Hudson-Walker  
Bryanna Montgomery *h*

Brandy Shearer  
Teresheena Williams  
Lisa Zartman

### Associate of Applied Science in Medical Office Administration

Terri Ponds

### Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

Nadia Abdallah  
Ahmed Abdullahi  
Kennedy Albert  
Olajumoke Allen-Bakare  
BreOnna Armstead  
Kathryn Askey  
Alison Barker  
Ayshia Bennett  
Brittany Briggs  
Samantha Carroll  
Crystal Chaplin  
Samantha Dowdy  
Courtney Downing  
Peyton Farrell  
Donnika Goley  
Mandy Glekler  
Jordan Grimes  
Kent Gross  
Shavonne Harris  
Michael Hively  
Alexis Kunkel  
Madeleine Leonard

Rachel Mallery  
Luke Markovich  
Tatiana Mccoy  
Dillan McGraw  
Justine Miller  
Brandee Monroe  
Marquellius Nunn  
Raven Oliver  
Niki Panayiotou  
Malasia Payne *h*  
Paridice Poole  
Brianna Ray  
Konstance Reed  
Angela Snyder  
Britni Starcher *h*  
Arielle Sullivan  
Nisyah Traish  
Victoria Tremelin  
Frankie Ulrich  
Adam Wertz  
Larry White Jr.



## **Bachelor's Degrees**

### **Bachelor of Science in Accounting**

Mercedes Gonzales

### **Bachelor of Science in Business Management With a Concentration in Marketing**

Honora Lavelle

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

Katelyn Johnstin

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

Baylee Osenbaugh

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

Christiana Afriyie c

Stephanie Weinrich

### **Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management**

Annie Hampton m

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

DeJaneiro O'Neal

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

Daniel Bailey

## Bachelor's Degrees

### Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies

Claudia Arrieta *c*

Tracy Sekyiwaa

Brenae Brown

### Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Brittany Calvert

Dontasha Reid

Tamyiah Cherry

Erin Sells *m*

Bianca DePriest

Danita Swinney *c*

Alexis Hughley

Shayla Thomas

## Master's Degrees

### Master of Business Administration

Eddie Belcher  
Stephanie Hoppe

Taylor Ruggs

### Master of Science in Healthcare Administration

Courtney Gates

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

Caroline Lee

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

Kathleen Costello

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

Barbara Afogho  
Maria Bailey

Taylor Chaffin  
Quiawanna Dallas

## Post Master's Certificate

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

Roseline Ajoku  
Amber Lucero

Kimberlin Pittman

# 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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