

# HERZING UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT



**Saturday, May 18<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  
Speaker & Student of the  
Semester**

**Krystal Rodgers**  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**Commencement  
Speaker**

**Hanne-Lore Gambrell**  
Founder and Managing Partner,  
The Law Office of H. Gambrell

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Speaker**

**Shammas Malik**  
Mayor of Akron, Ohio

**Conferring of  
Diplomas**

**Stephanie Newman**  
Director of Campus Operations

**Hooding of Master and  
Doctoral  
Candidates**

**Bill Cassidy and Stephanie  
Newman**  
Campus President and Director  
of Campus Operations

**Alumni  
Pledge**

**Stephanie Hoppe**  
Master of Business  
Administration, 2023

**Charge to Graduates  
& Closing Remarks**

**Renée Herzing**  
University President

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## Student Speaker & Student of the Semester



**Krystal Rodgers**  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Krystal Rodgers has been a nurse for almost 11 years. She started off as a nursing assistant, worked her way up to becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse, and then went back to school to become a Registered Nurse. In April 2024, Krystal received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Herzing University.

Engaged at a critical illness and recovery hospital, she has attended to the most severe cases, and recently received the critical care certification (CCRN). Her dedication lies in holistic care, aiding patients in their journey to optimal health post-illness, trauma, or other health challenges. The goal is to help nurse every patient back to their fullest potential.

She chose to become a nurse to be able to make a positive change in the lives of others. Her dream and further aspirations are to become a nurse educator, providing education to the inner-city communities, where help is needed the most.

Outside of work, Krystal is an entrepreneur, loves to travel, and values spending time with her family and many pets.





# Commencement Speaker



## **Hanne-Lore Gambrell**

Founder and Managing Partner  
The Law Office of H. Gambrell

While pursuing her JD/MBA from The University of Akron School of Law and The University of Akron College of Business Administration, respectively, Hanne-Lore was an Associate Editor for the Akron Law Review. She also served as President of The University of Akron's Chapter of Black Law Students Association from 2016-2018, winning National BLSA's Small Chapter of the Year for the 2017-2018 academic year; and Chief of Staff for the Midwest Region of National Black Law Students Association where

she assisted with coordinating the 2018 MWBLSA Regional Conference in St. Louis, MO. Hanne-Lore also volunteered with the Inmate Assistance Program, where she assisted inmates at Summit County Jail with legal research issues; volunteered as a Student Ambassador with The University of Akron School of Law; and with several other student organizations, including Student Bar Association and the American Constitution Society. Hanne-Lore received student of the year award in 2018 from the Akron-Canton Barristers Association. In 2020 she was awarded the 30 for the Future award by the Greater Akron Chamber.

Hanne-Lore has been practicing law since 2018 and is an active member of various bar associations. Hanne-Lore has recently had the opportunity to contribute to a brief reviewed by the Ohio Supreme Court, has won multiple settlements, won a judgment in favor of her client at her first civil jury trial, and argued her first case in the 9th District Court of Appeals in January 2024.

Hanne-Lore serves as a chair of the Social Action Committee for the Akron Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She also is a board member and chair of the Governance Committee for OPEN M. Hanne-Lore is also a 2023 Ohio State Bar Association Fellow, where she and her classmates are working on creating a symposium to educate legal professionals all over the state of Ohio on Trauma Informed Lawyering. Hanne-Lore is also a life member of the Akron Canton Barristers Association.

Hanne-Lore's past board services includes serving as a past President of the Akron Urban League Young Professionals and past chair of the Diversity Committee at the Akron Bar Association, where she also served as a board member from 2019-2022. Hanne-Lore was a past board member of North Hill CDC from 2020-2023, a mentor for Black Women Bosses at Kent State University, and has founded an African American Attorney's mentorship program at The University of Akron School of Law. Hanne-Lore has also served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Akron School of Law. She loves to volunteer in her spare time with various community organizations and is an avid reader.

# Commencement Speaker



**Shammias Malik**  
Mayor of Akron, Ohio

Born and raised in Akron, Mayor Shammias Malik knows that people are what makes our city special.

Growing up in Northwest Akron, Mayor Malik learned about the importance of public service from his mom, Dr. Helen Qammar, who taught chemical engineering at the University of Akron. To her, life was about finding something you enjoy, and using it to give back to others. She also taught her son the importance of education and hard work. Those values, as well as the International Baccalaureate program at Firestone High School, helped Mayor get a scholarship to The Ohio State University and then the opportunity to attend Harvard Law School.

After finishing law school, Mayor Malik decided to come back home, to serve Akron like his mother. Since moving home in 2016, Mayor Malik has been dedicated to public service, first as an Assistant Director of Law for the city, and then as the elected representative to City Council for Ward 8. As a city lawyer, he gained a first-hand understanding of every department in city government.

In 2019, Mayor Malik successfully ran for Akron City Council in the neighborhood where he grew up. As a councilmember, he worked tirelessly to serve the people of Akron in real, everyday ways that impact their lives. In September of 2022, he announced he was running for Mayor.

Mayor Malik believes deeply that for our city to have a successful future, we must change how our city government works – creating a city hall that is more open, more responsive, and more collaborative. He knows that if every one of the 190,000 residents of this city feels heard, we can get folks energized and empowered to be a part of real community-based solutions so everyone feels safe in their neighborhoods, so students can thrive in school, and so young people from Akron can build an amazing life without leaving home.

Mayor Malik was sworn in as Akron's 63rd Mayor on Jan. 1, 2024. He is Akron's youngest Mayor and first Mayor of color. His platform focuses on key initiatives which make up his Together for Akron plan: a unifying vision for our city's future, rooted in safe neighborhoods, good schools, affordable homes, equitable economic opportunity, and environmental sustainability. Through all of these initiatives, Mayor Malik is dedicated to communication and transparency as pillars of his administration.



# 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.

# Diplomas

## Diploma in Bookkeeping and Payroll Accounting

Lindsay Fitzgerald

## Diploma in Health and Human Services

Chelsey Dye

## Diploma in Insurance Billing and Coding Specialist

Olivia Davis  
Kammie Pietras

Liddia Shropshire  
Charlmaine Williams

## Diploma in Medical Assisting

Breauna Campbell  
Tonya Hawkins  
Brianna McFarland *h*

Bayley Myers *h*  
Haley Taylor

## Diploma in Medical Coding

Stacy Alfano

Danetra Knight

## Diploma in Practical Nursing

Coty Cintron  
Marqita Coleman  
Nia Folk

Meriyah George  
Briana Revis *h*

## Diploma in Sterile Processing

Dana Madison  
Cassie Morgan *h*

Ayalla Tyler

## Associate Degrees

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

Bryianna Dill

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

Angelique Turner *h*

### **Associate of Science in Health and Human Services**

Marena Black

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

Nicole Huff

Hyiamang Odoom

### **Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology**

Kristin Kauf *h*

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

Toni Fittante

Diamond Huang-Evans

### **Associate of Applied Science in Medical Office Administration**

Terri Ponds

### **Associate of Applied Science in Nursing**

Stephanie Alimeta *h*

Cyril Alvarado

Nahomie Brown

Darla Deanda

Morgan Dodd *h*

Kaitlyn Dorsey *h*

Patrick Geddes

Brooke Gray

Paige Hall

Taylor Hernandez

Alaina Howell

Jessica Kennedy

Stephanie Macey

Nadia Mansour

Londen Mccleskey

Francisco Montalvo

Emilie Moore

Raven Oliver

Jazzmine Parrish

Aleeha Solomon

Makayla Starks

Latia Wallace

Tyler Whitmyer



## Bachelor's Degrees

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

Taylor Ingham *m*

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

Dakota Cooper  
Jeidis Ravelo Cruz *c*  
Caitlin Cole  
Cassidy Hall

Jennifer McCartney  
Krystal Rodgers *m*  
Mikayla Ward

## Master's Degrees

### **Master of Business Administration**

Shanica Easley

Priscilla Frimpong

### **Master of Science in Healthcare Administration**

Erin Lance

### **Master of Science in Nursing in Family Nurse Practitioner**

Victoria Callahan

Aliaa Mahmoud

### **Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Education**

Charity Brown

### **Master of Science in Nursing in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner**

Sarah Robinson

**Post Master's Certificate**

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

Angel Mantay

**Doctorate Degrees**

**Doctor of Nursing Practice**

Deebora Monroe

Katherine Pittman

Lea Witt

# Key to Honors

## Doctorate and Master Degree

Graduates receive the Masters or Doctorate 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**

Herzing University, Brookfield

Herzing University, Kenosha

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