HERZING UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT



Friday, May 30th 2025, 12:00 PM ET

Georgia World Congress Center

Atlanta, GA

Commencement Ceremony

~ Processional ~

Welcome & Introduction

Sarah Higgins Regional Vice President of Operations - South Region

Student Speaker

Brittany Thompson Bachelor of Science in Business Management

Commencement Speaker Keosha B. Bell City Councilwoman

Conferring of Diplomas

Hooding of Master & Doctoral Candidates Sarah Higgins and Chris LaBounty Regional VP of Operations and Director of Academic Operations

Dr. Cardenas Program Chair – Technology

Distinguished Alumni Award and Alumni Pledge

Charge to Graduates & Closing Remarks

Tyronika White Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 2019 and Doctor of Nursing Practice, 2026

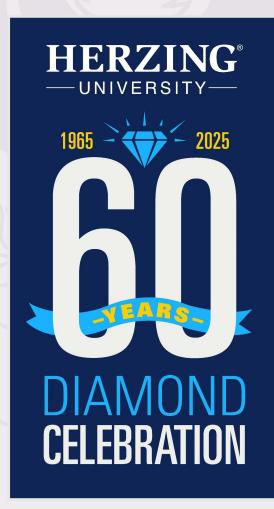
Renee Herzing University President

~ Recessional ~

A Legacy of Learning: Herzing University Turns 60

For six decades, Herzing University has been at the forefront of career-focused education. Founded in 1965 by Henry and Suzanne Herzing, and now led by their daughter, President Renée Herzing, we've grown from a single computer training institute to a respected, multi-campus institution with 11 campuses across eight states offering a wide range of academic programs, as well as our online campus and programming.

As we commemorate our 60th anniversary with over 50,000 graduates, Herzing University remains dedicated to fostering long-term career success in a caring learning environment. We continue to adapt and innovate, ensuring our students are prepared for the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow's workforce. Join us in celebrating 60 years of transforming lives through education, and discover why students choose to be part of the Herzing University family.



Commencement Speaker



Keosha Bell City Councilwoman

Keosha Bell is a native of Athens, GA, the youngest of four supportive siblings, an "Auntie K", and the daughter of Pastor/Dr. Regina Bell, and the late Albert Bell, Sr. She attended Middle Georgia College and Clayton State University College in Morrow, Georgia and completed with a concentration in Business Management, Marketing, and a certification in Computer Information Technology. She is a current resident in the City of South Fulton and has actively served in the community of South Fulton, for over 5 years.

She is a Serial Entrepreneur and Owner of Simple Pleasure Events, LLC., an events company specializing in corporate, private, and community events, for over 20 years;

and Owner of the White Glove Experience Booking & Talent Services, a booking and talent company specializing in booking and management services for high-profile and celebrity clientele; In addition, she currently works as a Community Outreach Specialist with a non-profit organization, serving and empowering individuals with disabilities through employment.

As City Councilwoman-Elect, her experience includes over 15 years in Education in postsecondary, trade, and technical institutions; over 20 years of Workforce and Career Development and assisting youth and adults with employment opportunities and career readiness training; Criminal Justice Reform; Legal Assisting on civil, criminal, and personal injury cases; former Special Projects Researcher for emeritus City of South Fulton Councilman Dr. Mark Baker to assist with "already passed" legislations including Cannabis Decriminalization, Banned the Box, Breonna Taylor's Law (Ending "No Knock Warrants), and the Crown Act. Her accomplishments include assisting over 3000 Georgians with disabilities and ex-offenders via the Georgia Department of Labor Rehabilitation Program and the Clayton County Transitional Center; Managing partner for the Career Center Network specializing in workforce and employment services for career seekers, and successful assisted with employment for over 10000 career seekers; Community Activist; Event Planning and Management for the Common Unity Drive-In series assisting South Fulton families and small business owners and Entrepreneurs with community resources, events, and provided over 50,000 pounds of food monthly; former Campaign Coordinator and Assistant to former Georgia Lt. Governor Mark Taylor, City of Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed, and U.S. Congress candidate Dr. Mark Baker; Booking Manager and Assistant for Bro. Rizza Islam, Dr. Umar Johnson, Leandria Johnson, Attorney Phaedra Parks, and others.

Keosha Bell, will passionately continue her efforts of giving back and wholeheartedly serving and volunteering in her local community with a focus on providing community engagement, education, resources, and certifications to youth who seek opportunities for advancing their career in post-secondary education, vocational trades, and serving in the military; providing career opportunities and career readiness; assisting individuals and families with financial stability and self-sufficiency; developing community events and educational opportunities to assist needy families with resources and food; assist with the homeless population, and providing resources to assist our senior citizens, disabled population, youth, and families within the City of South Fulton.

Ms. Bell sits on boards and actively serves in many capacities for numerous nonprofit organizations including the Phaedra Foundation, Titanium Productions, Sisters United Atlanta, The Community Boutique, Q Parker Legacy Foundation, JustUs League, National Council of Negro Women, Inc., NAACP, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Wifey Me, and many more. Ms. Bell has always been philanthropic by providing the necessary tools for the community to overcome their current circumstances and challenges. "Be the Change" that you want to see in District 5 and in the City of South Fulton. Change STARTS from within!

Commencement Speaker



Renée Herzing University President Herzing University (delete page if <u>not</u> commencement speaker, delete this note if <u>is</u> commencement speaker)

Renée succeeded her father, Henry Herzing, as president of the Herzing University System on March 1st, 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 family, traveling, entertaining, learning languages, and spending as much time as possible with her two children, including horseback riding with her daughter.

Student Speaker



Brittney Thompson Bachelor of Science in Business Management

Brittney Thompson is a proud graduate of Herzing University, earning her Bachelor's degree in Business Management with cum laude honors. She is a U.S. Navy veteran with a strong commitment to service and excellence. For the past 15 years, she has worked as a dedicated employee at Delta Air Lines. This fall, Brittney will begin an exciting new chapter as a kindergarten teacher. Her

passion for education and making a difference in young lives has driven her to pursue this meaningful career shift. She plans to continue her academic journey by obtaining her Master's degree at Herzing University.

Distinguished Alumnus



Tyronika White Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 2019 Doctor of Nursing Practice-FNP, 2026

Tyronika White is a proud Herzing University alumna and current doctoral student, pursuing her Family Nurse Practitioner–DNP degree as part of the Class of 2026. A dedicated mother of three, Tyronika earned her BSN from Herzing and has built a respected career rooted in emergency medicine, trauma, and critical care. Her clinical experience is

matched by her entrepreneurial spirit—she is the founder and owner of a thriving medspa in Alpharetta, Georgia. Tyronika is passionate about advancing health equity, empowering women, and redefining beauty and wellness through expert, compassionate care. She exemplifies the heart of Herzing: leadership, resilience, and purpose-driven excellence.

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.



Post Masters Certificate in Human Resources

Shamonica Darden

Post Masters Certificate in Family Nurse Practitioner

Kayla Staton

Certificate in Information Technology Technical Support

Shamonica Darden

Post Masters Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health NP

Patricia Allen Tamara Mangum Melanie Oudkerk

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Diploma in Health and Human Services

Yoshiki Bradford Sharyl Burke *h* Amber Colquitt Nadiesha Mcadory Nakia Minniefield

Diploma in Information Technology Technical Support

Brandi Rouse

Diploma in Insurance Billing and Coding Specialist

Jett Cloud	
Susan Fautner <i>h</i>	
Latoya Jarrett	

Hortense Martin Tamara Phillips Sheena Thornton

Diploma in Medical Assisting

Caprina Alexander Rekita Barber Bergenia Battle Abria Bedgood Larrica Dickerson Denyse Figueroa Patricia Harris Chyna Mickey Taebrinna Nash LaKeya Pierce Lisa Robinson Sylvia Russell Jasmine Stewart Kaylen Swiney Stephanie Walker Kiyana West

Diploma in Medical Coding

Tiffany Dassau Anitira Hamilton Jade Jacobs Zakiya Ridgeway Candice Thomas Alexis Wilkinson Layla Xiong





Diploma in Medical Office Administration

Dimetria Cheek Latino Harris Keneshia Days Jasmine Gray Australia Johnson Brittany McGriff Durriyyah Muhammad Vanessa Sampson

Diploma in Practical Nursing

Kyla Clark May Dupuis Shadene Gunter Thomas Zakiyah Hills Angela Joseph Mya Lane Rysheen Napier Natasha Ryans Hasty Shabani Nedra Smith Teresa White

Diploma in Sterile Processing

Destini Andrew Jada Avery Makia Barber **Deseree Bell** Sequoya Benefield Tamia Bolar Promise Brown h **Michelle Burch Gross** Chelsey Chapman h Anthjuanese Christopher Raines h Jerrica Collins **Cameron Cooper Keneshia Days** Fatou Diallo h Joselyn Diez Shoulin Easley Lashawnda Elmore Latavia Fortson h Daija Foster Zharia Fulton h

Martine Gaston h Johnathan Gordon- Suarez Rosie Grandison Zaviyunna Habersham **Twanesia Hawkins** Amy Hughley h Shanterica Jackson Meyanka Jarrett Alexis Johnson Camryn Johnson Jermeria Johnson Melinda Johnson Raymirea Johnson Tiffani Johnson Zyasia Johnston-McCutchen h **Edward Jones Raquel Kilgore** Syprea Lamb



Diploma in Sterile Processing (Continued)

Jayvon Meadows Dichelle Miller *h* Charisma Mitchell Oreonna Moss *h* Myiah Murray Elizabeth Nash Kaliyah Neal Laketria Nesbitt Laketria Nesbitt Johnitha Quarles Derrick Scott Keiyonny Wallace Nykerria Williams Crystal Williams

Associate of Science in Business Management

Max Faulcon Brion Jones *h* Ambi Lawler Aaliyah Myricks Keyonna Tanzymore QuoVadis Thomas

Associate of Science in General Studies - Pre-Nursing

Kenyatta Bradford *h* Maria de Jesus Calixto Rojas *h* Carmen Cooper Amiah Davenport *h* Brittany Fife Amber Graham Destiny Mackie *h* Deshayna Norman *h* Claudia Olivares Makiyah Utley Aleta Vance Kayron White Mikyah Yarbrough

Associate of Science in Health and Human Services

Amber Colquitt Dorothea Murrell *h* Jamie Tyner

Associate of Science in Health and Human Services

Toby Kelley

Walter Scott





Associate of Science in Healthcare Administration

Tara Allen Tiffany Brewer Reba Davis

Rachel Denny Tamara Tate *h* Tiara Thompson

Associate of Science in Information Technology

WilliamEvans

Chantel Griffin

Associate of Science in Insurance Billing and Coding Specialist

Anisa Brown *h* Nyesha Locker *h* Tiffany Maxwell Kyronda Richardson Stephania Romain Terica Watkins

Associate of Science in Legal Assisting/Paralegal

Stephan Beason Howard Bob Shadoria Coleman

Associate of Science in Legal Studies

MacKenzie Dell Leona Dopson Carmen Ramos



Associate of Science in Medical Assisting Services

Martika Avery Taylor Broadwater Brittany Davis Alicia Mauras Marlecia Richardson Azia Thompson Lakeyvia Watts

Associate of Science in Medical Coding

Karen Mashia

Associate of Science in Medical Office Administration

Brittany Bloodworth Taleeta Clark *h* Jasimen Davis Tatyana Jewell Aaryona Payne

Associate of Science in Nursing

Sabrina Anderson Tisha Barber Kachina Bayete Shellon Bentick Kameron Bradley Ciara Brown Kierra Brown Aviannah Brown Edna Cottingham Diamond Davis Dommonique Hayes-Parnell Neisha-Kay Mckenzie Demetra Meyers Kiasheba Mitchell Jarmall Mitchell Bellissima Monteleone Gesiane Stover Michael Williams

Associate of Science in Surgical Technology

Ronica Breaux

Megan Merricks

Bachelor of Science in Business Management

Melissa Cooper Alisha Mukhida

Brittney Thompson c

Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity

Frida Nuako-Frimpong c

Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management

Valerie Childress

Sherri Sanchez s

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

Marsiah Grant

Benajiah Jackson

Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration

Mary Anderson Twana Beatty Sade Bryant *m* Renee Fuller Kyla Graves Meskerem Legese *s* Takendra Levins Betelehem Menkir *m* Talaya Peterson *c* Deonte Robinson *m* Kidest Solomon Qiana Washington Katrina Wiley-Huff Amanda Wynn

Bachelor of Science in Human Resources

Petra Sanchez Melendez s

Quinjarius Stanton



Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies

Brittany Beacham *s* Charletta Cartledge Felicia Nathan-Oliver m

Bachelor of Science in Marketing

Chauntel Brown

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Nana Acquah Cynthia Asare Fati\ Ayim-Dakwa c Agnes Baindu Turay Josee Barret Britni Leachae Burch-Hall **Breyonna Butler** Celine Chery **Reanna Daley** Kizzel David c **Catherine Dubose Danae Duron** Tierra Earl Linda Fleming Jordan Fudge Mildrede Gai Andres Garcia Amiaya Gary Helen Hadgu c Kayla Harris c Samantha Hooker m Hope Jones Omobola Ishola s

Denea Kiser Kritzia Landrum Elizabeth McCall Sandra Namayega s Lekecho Nyiawung Yetunde Olutoyin s David Onegbedan Abena Osae Karlene Palmer Nancy Perez Avendano Manuella Pierre Lindsey Pruitt c Rhojani Requena s Labertha Robinson c Karen Rodas-Escobar Dalis Ruiz Kristyn Schneider Jasmine Sherman s Ashley Shippy Raley Shirey Savanachi Smith Briana Tedesco Ciara Williams

Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies

Justin Parrish

Jemesha Rhodes



Master of Business Administration

Elizabeth Ansong Tia Coleman Darneisha Davis Shahizad Dewani Delronda Glover LaShae Grant Melisa Hernandez Viktar Khalimonchyk Muhammad Jahanzaib Khan Ronak Nurdinbhai Kotadia Deepika Lnu D'Asia Massenburg Michael Sherly Sanjana Modi Sabeeh Mohiuddin Alidys Trenche Morales Tramaine Murray Jahongul Noibshoeva Saniya Raujani Kimberly Roa Temeka Robinson Jessica Ruiz Benn Kareem Hussain Sab Keren Bridgate Sapparapu Asif Ali Shah Dupinder Singh Susana Sunuwar

Master of Science in Healthcare Administration

Keara Harvey	Chetaachi Prather
Janice Johnson-Mortel	Jazmyn Sippio
Polly Kelly	Jazmyn Sippio

Master of Science in Nursing - Direct Entry

Nkemjika Amadi Fuad Atobajeun Shantoria Blount Isidre Dejesus Izehinomen Ehimemen Kathryn Harper Casey Henderson Keithundra Houston Kayla Ingram Krystal Jones Sidney King Raegan Lavant Kayla Mitchell Johnathan Moore Kenechukwu Nwabufo Maureen Okoye Dajo Orubo Rebecca Parsons Uche Porbeni Amena Razai Sherri Royall Cynthia Tallman Gabrielle Thompson Jordan Walker Theresa Weber Tiye Williams



Master of Science in Nursing in Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Toynesha Gartley

Amani Simeon

Master of Science in Nursing in Family Nurse Practitioner

Rayhanatou Barry Lesmeek Bridgeman Jennifer Bryant Demetria Cobbins Jodiene Crawford Edna Daniel Paula Davis Sharneice Davis Brittny Fox Damanjeet Gandhi Rochelle Harris Whitney Hill Nikole Holliday Tara McClain Jyoti Patel Ashley Rasco Earnestine Wagner

Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Education

Morgan Powell

Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Leadership and Administration

Troy Johnson Jamesha Lindsey Feli Sellers



Master of Science in Nursing in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse

Oriyomi Awosanya Emile Bihnyuy Shelley Blanda Demetrial Chandler Kim Cunningham Hermine Djounda Anthony Emego Lyndsay Franklin JosephJenkins Jennifer Jenkins Wadner Jocelyn Janet Johnson Virginia Mason Celeste McKey Latonya Metcalf Motunrayo Mims Megan Nix Geraldine Odujole Akeiah Oliver Gbemisola Ore-ofe Tashi Powell Pattie Ray Ayanna Riley Delanie Roberts-Taylor Patricia Rodriguez Kimberly Strange Christell Tchonang Chimi Ieshia Underwood Angelica Wilson

Master of Social Work

Nequondra Caleb



Doctor of Nursing Practice

Kshawnda Frazier

Nakisha Williams

LaTonya Thomas



Key to Honors

Master & Doctoral Degree

Graduates receive the Masters and Doctoral 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 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.

Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society (PA)

‡ = PA Social Work Honor Society

The highest honor one can receive in Social Work at Herzing University is membership in the Delta Kappa Sigma Chapter of Phi Alpha International Honor Society. Members must earn a 3.5 cumulative GPA, have completed at least one-third of the program, and have completed 10 hours of community service. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work. Students are recognized at commencement by wearing a blue and gold honor cord or stole. The purpose of Phi Alpha Honor Society is to provide a closer bond among students of social work and promote humanitarian goals and ideals.

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:

As a proud Herzing University alum, I am part of a lifelong community built on mentorship, leadership, and support. Empowered by my education, I will inspire others, foster inclusivity, and create meaningful change.

I Pledge Therefore:

To embody the P.R.I.C.E. of Success—Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Caring, and Engagement—in all aspects of my life, making a positive impact wherever I go.

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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University President

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Chief Financial 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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