

HERZING UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT



Friday, October 10th, 2025, 2:30 PM ET

Linda Chapin Theatre
Orange County Convention Center
Orlando, Florida

Commencement Ceremony

~ Processional ~

The Star Spangled Banner

Welcome & Introductions

Recognition of Military Service

Student of the Semester Awards

Keynote Speaker

Conferring of Degrees

Welcome Alumni & Alumni Pledge

Charge to Graduates & Closing Remarks

~ Recessional ~

Celebrating 60 Years of Herzing

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 12 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.



Keynote Speaker



Ashley Gravatte

Director of Arts and Wellness
Alzheimer's & Dementia Resource Center

Ashley Gravatte is a passionate and innovative leader dedicated to connecting underserved populations with essential healthcare and wellness services. As the Director of Arts and Wellness at the Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center (ADRC), she leads comprehensive community programming that supports families navigating the complexities of dementia care. Recognized for her community impact, Ashley was recently named a 2025 Orlando Business Journal "40 Under 40" Honoree.

Her unique career path began with a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance from The Boston Conservatory, followed by a Graduate Certificate in Music Therapy from Montclair State University. This foundation in the arts informs her compassionate and creative approach to healthcare. A landmark achievement in her career was securing a \$50,000 grant from the Pabst-Steinmetz Foundation to launch the "Music Box Initiative." This growing program successfully expanded therapeutic services to hundreds of dementia patients and their families, demonstrating her ability to turn innovative ideas into impactful realities.

With over a decade of experience, Ashley has a proven record of building meaningful relationships and implementing effective outreach programs. She is a Certified Dementia Practitioner and certified trainer in the Positive Approach to Care, delivering crucial training to fellow healthcare professionals to promote more inclusive and culturally competent practices. From facilitating caregiver support groups to establishing a Free Little Library with curated books for care partners, her work consistently breaks down barriers to access. Her leadership in developing engagement programs at senior living facilities has achieved remarkable resident participation by focusing on inclusive and culturally responsive activities. Ashley Gravatte's career is a testament to the power of combining passion with purpose of fostering healthier, more connected communities.

Student of the Semester

The Student of the Semester award will be given to a student who has accomplished the following:

- Is an Undergraduate Honors Graduate
- Has maintained a high attendance average
- Has demonstrated leadership and inspiring attributes throughout the program
- Has made outstanding contributions to the University and to fellow students

Congratulations to our award winners for 2025:

Orlando Campus

Amanda Staples

Diploma in Practical Nursing

Maribel Martinez

Associate of Science in Nursing

Dylan Donakowski

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Joao De Sousa Mascarenhas

Associate of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant J

Gabriel Marrero

Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology

Tampa Campus

Jennifer Parsons

Diploma in Practical Nursing

Emily Mann

Associate of Science in Nursing

Alumni Speaker

Tracy Saddler

Two-Time Herzing Alumna
Herzing Orlando Nursing Faculty

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.



Diploma in Bookkeeping and Payroll Accounting

Cynthia Walburn ^h

Diploma in Health and Human Services

Ariana Prophete

Diploma in Insurance Billing and Coding Specialist

Jacinda Maynard

Eleanor Rivero

Jessica Mirabal

Eliza Rivers

Diploma in Medical Assisting

Tiffany Price

Daviauna Smith

Diploma in Medical Office Administration

Elmira Turner ^h

Diploma in Practical Nursing

Demara Allen-Smith

Sonica Dalisma

Val Altiery

Genesis Davis

Shania Alyea

Angelica Debose

Amnery Ayuso

Madison Dileo ^h

Alexia Beckwith

Johane Dorante

Tatyana Bethea

Donavan Doyle

Cornelius Brewer

Chanell Forde ^h

Barbarita Bustos

Ronald Gamble

Jaclyn Clinton

Kelley Garcia

Yanira Craig

Alexandra Guerrier ^h

Diplomas

Diploma in Practical Nursing

Kimetrius Harris

Sharae Jackson ^h

Jophin Joseph

Mollishka Kerlegrand

Haevah Moisset

Jeannette Molina

Kenyondra Nelson

Jennifer Parsons ^h

Rashelle Roach

Kameshia Smith

Amanda Staples

Tikia Williams

Diploma in Sterile Processing

Kimetrius Harris

Sharae Jackson ^h

Jophin Joseph

Mollishka Kerlegrand

Haevah Moisset

Jeannette Molina

Kenyondra Nelson

Jennifer Parsons ^h

Rashelle Roach

Kameshia Smith

Amanda Staples

Tikia Williams

Associate Degrees

Associate of Science in Accounting

Antanise Wallace

Associate of Science in General Studies - Pre Nursing

Katherine Cleopha ^h

Shaneil Cross ^h

Aja Freeman

Eileen Hurtado

Jonathan Laval

Edriana Noble

Associate of Science in Health Information Management

Shermeka Carnegie

Associate of Science in Healthcare Administration

Ciera Walls

Hasna Brown ^h

Kharisma Cook

Matthew Powell ^h

Associate of Science in Insurance Billing and Coding Specialist

Rebecca Branstetter

Associate of Science in Medical Coding

Jessica Whatton ^h

Associate of Science in Nursing

Jeannedie Similien Andre

Bria Armistad

Stephanie Artiles

Cierra Ashley

Dorian Austin

Madison Blair

Catherine Carter

Yesenia Castro

Victoria Cintron

Derico Davis

Edwin Dominguez Castillo

Adriana Duran

Elizabeth Early-Hall

Leancy Esteide

Darwin Gaitan

Michelle Gamble

Katelynn Gist

Raidelys Gonzalez

Leylany Gonzalez Alvarez

Ellen Herrera ^h

Gabriela Jerez Giron

Meshelle Lockhart

Emily Mann ^h

Maribel Martinez

Daniela Orellana Rodriguez

Minaxi Pambhar

Nuengruethai Plonghiran ^h

Trinity Pullman

Jennifer Quinteros

Amrit Ramlagan ^h

Krystal Reisinger

Valeria Rivera Lopez

Jenny Sajous

Nina Sanders ^h

Shirley Spinks

Lods Stecker ^h

Devicq Thompson ^h

Lavoryia Timmons

Amber Wright

Associate of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant

Mark Bush ^h

Joao De Sousa Mascarenhas ^h

Andrew Greenberg ^h

Caiden Harvey

Ethan Hayes ^h

Pedro Hernandez ^h

David Lamb

Gabriella Lopez ^h

Joshua Mcgehee ^h

Thommy Nguyen

Joseph Salazar

Justin Talabong

Sydney Timmes ^h

Joshua Trent

Gregory Valme

Associate Degrees

Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology

Allison Chavis ^h

Aselynn Cheeks ^h

Edgar Claudio ^h

Brianna Del Carpio ^h

Wadson Dervis

Clark Rosario Henry ^h

Anaya Huggins

Benjamin Lehman

Lynn Louis

Gabriel Marrero ^h

Yirelis Mateo ^h

Celia Mitchell

Brianne Ortiz

Zeny Paulino

Desmond Peralta ^h

Bachelor's Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

Jennifer Hernandez

Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration

Jennifer Faith

Tashas Jordan

Kimberly McDonald

Ydelis Santana

Alexis Turner ^s

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Professional Studies

Marcos Mundo

Benjamin Patterson III

Christa Rice

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Mia Alabre

Ilene Cole ^s

Dylan Donakowski ^c

Menda Dorceus ^c

Sophie Ebelleon ^m

Jody Ellis

Rakima Haniff ^c

Roseann Hoyt

Mie Therese Jean Pierre ^c

Tayte Jones

Angel Joseph

Nicole Juliano

Anita Kalms

Teonna Knox ^s

Bachelor's Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Andrea Lopez

Zeida Loza ^C

Ayelech Mamo ^M

Veronica Morales ^C

June Notaro

Jennifer Ocampo

Gabriella Robertson

Tita Rodgers ^M

Aileen Salas

Oriana Salas Nunez ^C

Tyra Samuels ^C

Kevin Sanchez

Samara Session

Allissa Swarthout

Hazel Valentin

Kayla Warriner

Master's Degrees

Master of Business Administration

Veronica Perdomo Amidoni

Master of Business Administration in Business Analytics

Nelda Cherilus

Master of Science in Healthcare Administration

Nicole Campbell

Betty Martin

Ana Morales

Aaliyah Petersen

Svitlana Trujillo

Master of Science in Nursing

Cynthia Amusu

Antonia Bain-Pride

Jonathan Brown

Cori Campbell

Aaron Davenport

Sarah Easterday

Kokoe Ezui

Kerri Fowler

Denise Frias

Belinda Griffin

Ruth Hayden

Sandra James

Gallia Lashley

Charlesse Lawson

Analise Moreno

O'Neke Nickle

Diamond Pershay

Latoya Porter

Cassidy Shell

Kipchilowen Sirma

Master's Degrees

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

Roxana Garcia Baserio

Handerson Leon

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

Brandon Lee

Master of Science in Nursing in Family Nurse Practitioner

Kortney Becker

Naghma Manzur

Alica Charles

Susan Rice

Ashley Evans

Natasha Roach

Amy Hathcox

Sylvia Rosario

Denna Kunins

Alexia Watson

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

Damanjeet Gandhi

Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Education

Gabrielle Dymond

Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Leadership and Administration

Michelle Gonzalez Jimenez

Christopher Thompson

Anna Jacob

Master's Degrees

Master of Science in Nursing in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Marisa Cordova

Anabel Delgado

Katheran Durbin

Adita Flagg

Erin Foy

LaShae Humphrey

Karlyne Kenny

Mae Mallaney

Jackline Okumu

Judith Osuagwu

Casey Paterson

Libanessa Pichardo

Dyandria Scott

Shanika Turner

Natalya Yumin

Master of Science in Nursing in Public Health Nursing

Candace Norman

Master of Social Work - Advanced Standing

Lydia Etheridge

Post Master's Certificate

Post Masters Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Henrietta Egwakhide

Martha Linan

Doctorate Degrees

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Tamara Ataiwi

William Narvaez Cruz

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 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:

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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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

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Herzing University, Tampa

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