

HERZING UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT



Thursday, February 26th, 2026, 10:00 AM 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 ~

Commencement Speaker



Renée Herzing
University President
Herzing University

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 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.

Keynote Speaker



Anna Colon Negrón, DNP, MSN-NE, RN

Herzing University Graduate

Senior International Recruitment Manager at AdventHealth

Anna Colon Negrón is a dedicated and experienced Senior International Recruitment Manager at AdventHealth. With a robust background in nursing and international recruitment, Anna has been instrumental in facilitating global nursing mobility and addressing

critical needs in the healthcare system.

Anna holds a Master of Science in Nursing focusing on Nursing Education (MSN-NE) from Herzing University, which has equipped her with the skills to lead and mentor nursing professionals from diverse backgrounds. Her career spans over three decades, during which she has demonstrated exceptional leadership and a commitment to improving patient care and healthcare delivery.

In her current role, Anna collaborates closely with various departments to ensure the seamless integration of international nurses into the healthcare workforce. She is known for her expertise in navigating the complexities of visa processes and her dedication to supporting nurses through their transition to the U.S. healthcare system.

Anna recently completed her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) at Herzing University, where she is involved in a quality improvement project to incorporate the Transcultural Assimilation Program for internationally educated nurses (IENs) systemwide within the organization's acute care hospital setting. This project addresses the challenges IENs face when transitioning to practice within the U.S. healthcare system, including adapting to cultural norms, navigating differences in clinical practices, and meeting communication expectations.

Anna's colleagues and peers admire her unwavering dedication to improving healthcare delivery and her ability to inspire and mentor others in the field. She continues to be a driving force in the advancement of nursing practice and international recruitment, and her contributions are highly regarded by her academic and professional peers.

Alumni Speaker



Neisha T. Mulchan, APRN-IP, FNP-C
Chief Executive Officer - Diversely Geek
Herzing Alumna, MSN FNP April 2014

Neisha T Mulchan APRN-IP, FNP-C, is a board certified Nurse Practitioner in Florida and 2014 graduate of Herzing University's inaugural Nurse Practitioner program. With 32 years experience in health care. Ms Mulchan has had extensive training and hands-on experience in General Neurology, Neuro-

Psychiatry, Behavioral Sciences, Holistic Health, Self-Care & Mental Health research. As well as clinical experience in Primary & Urgent Care, Headache/Migraine, Neuro-Rehab, Physical Rehab Medicine, LGBTQIA/ Transgender and wound care.

She is an avid mental wellness advocate, a trauma-recovery and self-care researcher and author of "Self-Care for your Inner Geek, a Workbook Series." and upcoming book series titled, "Seven Doors and Seven Gems: The Healing Messages of Bangtan," and "Smile, Dream, Shine," a self-reflection and self-value whiteboard series. She is the founding member of DiverselyGeek.org in 2011, an organization guiding fans to establish wellness through the healing messages of their favorite fandoms, like BTS. The primary focus is providing safe, inclusive, and supportive strategies for fans facing mental health disparity. After seven years of research she developed a self-reflective model translatable to most fan communities, to foster self-love and positive self-identity. And published an approved postulate with the National Institute of Health December, 2019, titled "Embracing Your Inner Geek and healthy hobbies as a credible source for establishing positive self-identity, self-acceptance and building positive human exchange and connections."

As a Nurse Practitioner she has been able to bring those skills and tools the care of her patients and their families with great success. She hopes to continue her journey, opening doors and building infrastructures to reduce suicide risk, and provide holistic caring solutions for her patients.

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 December 2025:

Orlando Campus

Rondean Davis

Diploma in Practical Nursing

Jonkearea McCray

Associate of Science in Nursing

Izabella Szuba

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Tampa Campus

Merlene Latham

Associate of Science in Nursing

Jodi Ann Vaughan

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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 Insurance Billing and Coding Specialist

Melissa Duran

Jessica Montour

Jessica Mirabal

Jayden Pinkston

Diploma in Medical Assisting

Aysia Dunlap

Shemya Mincy ^h

Keara Emory ^h

Daviauna Smith

Valeria Encarnacion ^h

Diploma in Medical Office Administration

Melissa Gray

Alesha Humble ^h

Diploma in Practical Nursing

Maurice Bacon

Chanel Howard

Britni Baubrun

NaTasha Irvin

Alexia Beckwith

La Sonda Isidore

Daytana Bolden

Lyse Jeannis

Denise Bouchard

Fnu Joseph Chi Ngwashi

Makenna Campbell

Mollishka Kerlegrand

Samantha Clawson

Bernite Lorimaire

Brianna Dantzler ^h

Alexandria Paul

Rondean Davis ^h

Kerstien Pennycook

Keyla Fabian

Carline Pierre

Omer Farooq

Kylee Potocnak

TaCora Frazier

Reynaldo Santana

Antanisia Fulton

Gloria Sayegh Baez

Amy Ginsberg

Calvin Scott

Sarah Gray

Joshua Trimble

Emily Hirsch

Kiondrae Vangiliste

Diplomas

Diploma in Sterile Processing

Lamariah Blake
Alana Cully ^h
Sandy Francois
Jamila Hayden
Zykira Haynes
Latisha Johnson
Jennie Macena

Arianna Mark
Bedjynie Rene
Blanca Rodriguez ^h
Roshelle Strickland ^h
Marta Suarez
Rogina Taylor

Associate Degrees

Associate of Science in Accounting

Amarilis Bruscano ^h

Associate of Science in Business Management

Erica Hathaway ^h

Shani Jimenez ^h

Associate of Science in General Studies - Pre Nursing

Daphtaly Jean

Trish Yanez ^h

Associate of Science in Health and Human Services

Anna Walters ^h

Associate of Science in Healthcare Administration

Jeanette Abreu ^h

Michael Oliveri

Antiana Cribbs

Associate of Science in Information Technology

Lucila Calderon

Associate of Science in Insurance Billing and Coding Specialist

Emmary Delgado Sanchez ^h

Hailey Miller

Janee Dixon

Pamela Saidou

Erica McClellan ^h

Associate of Science in Medical Assisting Services

Markie Brouse ^h

Romila Rivera

Associate of Science in Nursing

Andrene Annakie ^h

Sophonie Moise ^h

Bria Armistad

Carolyn Newport

Pierrette Atilus

Eva Ocasio ^h

Sheryl Ann Aviles Matias ^h

Danielle Ortiz

Marie Brown

Brianna Pacheco

Guejlene Bruno ^h

Shania Pierrot

Rivaldi Cajuste

Nuengruethai Plonghiran

Mirianys Candelario Nieves

Jennifer Quinteros

Zachary Cusworth

Bryanna Reyes

Amanda Gray

Iris Richards

Courtney Griffin

Veronika Rodriguez

Ellen Herrera ^h

Irene Ruiz

Angela Hunter

Jenny Sajous

Damonte Jackson

Antonio Santos

RuthAnn James ^h

Erica Selman

Puja Karki ^h

Mackenzie Stokes

Glenn Kittel ^h

Chad Sullivan

Brittany Krzyzewski

Lakeshia Torrence

Merlene Latham ^h

Erika Tovar

Hideki Luke

Diondra Wesley

Mary Macias Harmon

Tiffany Wicken ^h

Traci Massie ^h

Amber Wright

Jonkearea McCray ^h

Associate of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant

James Spadola

Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology

Edgar Claudio

Bachelor of Science in Business Management

Kayla Cunningham

Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Services

Miriam Johnson

Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management

Nicole Hicks

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

Kayla Asson ^C

Laura Erven

Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration

Brittany Bryant

Valencia Matthew ^C

Na'Dieya Evelyn

Madeline Ruiz ^S

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Professional Studies

Beverly Walker

Bachelor of Science in Marketing

Saberly Joachim ^M

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Chelsea Beaugris

Karissa Leffew

Charlene Castleman ^C

Andrea Lopez

Jami Cimbolo ^M

Liba Louis ^M

Tiffany Clark

Paula Marsell

Valerie Cruz Gonzalez

Vaughn McCuller ^S

Michaela Davis ^S

Madeline Monaghan ^C

Jan Michael Delfin

Ogechukwu Orjika ^C

Sharon Denney ^C

Samuel Ovat

Patrick Eubanks ^S

Racheal Payne

Chantelle Flores- Aicea

Tunisia Perry ^M

Rebecca Graham ^S

Olivia Rico ^M

Alondra Guzman Delgado ^M

Brittany Smith ^C

Kristen Hall ^M

Nina Staben

Miette Johnson

Izabella Szuba ^S

Nicole Juliano

Jodi Ann Vaughan ^C

Bachelor's Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Project Management

Elizabeth MacDonald ^M

Master's Degrees

Master of Business Administration

Sabrina Olivieri

Master of Science in Healthcare Administration

Nicole Campbell

Bre'anna Spencer

Martina Hardcastle

Master of Science in Nursing

Kenneth Allen

Camara Lewis

Antonia Bain-Pride

Kendall McBrayer

Rhonda Brown

Emily McDonald

John Chavis

O'Neke Nickle

Aaron Davenport

Michel Rangel

Michelle Espino

Tavasia Reed

Kerri Fowler

Timelisa Smith

Jenna Heckart

Eliza Speight

Sadaf Khalid

Aubrey Wittenberger

Charlesse Lawson

Donna Yam

Janayia Lemon

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

Deneshea Williams-Mckenzie

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

Janira Rivera Arevalo

Master of Science in Nursing in Family Nurse Practitioner

Roxana Garcia Baserio

Andrea Aviles Calderon

Brody Balvitsch

Begum Becerik

Natalie De Marsh

Angelle Domingue

Sophonie Domingue

Marisol Irizarry Velazquez

Mireille Joseph

Karen Khan

Yolanda Lopez

Maria Marinca

Daneisha McQuay

Erika Robinson

Amanda Rothenberg

Christine Soma

Lisamarie Tai

Tyra Voss

Gwendolyn Williams

Hannah Woodle

Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Education

Anjolie Holbert

Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Leadership and Administration

Kathleen Galleta

Lavonda Robinson

Shakiya Rowdy

Master of Science in Nursing in Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

Marilyn Fairman

Master of Science in Nursing in Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

Sarah Eisenstein

Page Estis

Heather Fahr

Aynsley Grove

Tamisha Guishard

Anarica Harding-Burgess

Lijuan Huang

Jayd Johnson

Tony Kadukummackal

Rajvir Kaur

Latisha Marc

Crystal Martinez

Elaine Mcgriff

Jackmary Medina

Lira Nunez

Ivian Okala

Jesseica Price

Sandra Reynolds

Latoya Roberts

Jessica Sammut

Neha Shrestha

Anna Stack

Sabrina Woody

Eva Zerbe

Post Master's Certificate

Post Masters Certificate in Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Aigereem Osti

Post Masters Certificate in in Family Nurse Practitioner

Whitney Chase

Post Masters Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Robyn Parke

Doctorate Degrees

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Rachel Augustine

Christen Riggins

Jennifer Eastman

Michele Tallman

Efren Menendez

Tyronika White

Theresa Noel-Belasco

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 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.

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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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

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Herzing University, Nashville

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