

# HERZING UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT



**Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 10:00 AM ET**

**Linda Chapin Theatre**

**Orlando, Florida**

# Commencement Ceremony

~ Processional ~

*The Star Spangled Banner*

**Welcome & Introductions**

**Recognition of Military Service**

**Student of the Semester Awards**

**Commencement Speaker**

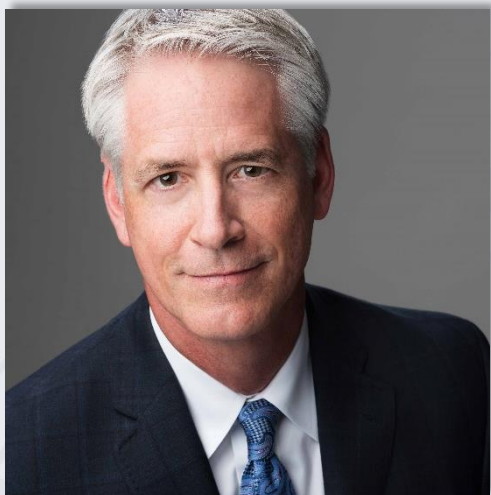
**Conferring of Degrees**

**Welcome Alumni & Alumni Pledge**

**Charge to Graduates & Closing Remarks**

~ Recessional ~

## Commencement Speaker



### **Robert J. Boyd, Esq.**

President & CEO  
Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida  
(ICUF)

Robert J. (Bob) Boyd, Esq. is the President and CEO of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida. ICUF is an association of 30 four-year, non-profit, SACS-accredited colleges and universities in Florida. Before becoming ICUF's President, he served as ICUF's General Counsel since 1995. Mr. Boyd is the first ICUF president to have graduated from an ICUF institution, Rollins College, where he received his BA in History, Cum Laude, in 1985. Mr. Boyd also served as Rollins' Student Body President in 1985.

Mr. Boyd is also the President and CEO of the Florida Independent College Fund (FICF), the fundraising arm of ICUF, and is the Executive Director of the Higher Educational Facilities Financing Authority (HEFFA), the statewide bonding authority for ICUF institutions created in statute by ICUF in 2001. Mr. Boyd was appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis to the Florida Credentials Review Committee (CRC) for a second term, and by Governor DeSantis to the 16-member Florida Talent Development Council (FTDC). He has also been recognized among Florida's Most Influential Business Leaders in Florida Trend's Florida 500 in November 2025 for six straight years.

Mr. Boyd currently serves as the national Chair of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities State Executives and serves on the NAICU Board. Mr. Boyd also taught Business Law and Business Communications at Flagler College – Tallahassee Branch for 17 years, from the opening of the branch campus in July 2002 to February 2019. Mr. Boyd helped create and found Flagler's 2+2 program at Tallahassee State College with Dr. William Proctor and Speaker T.K. Wetherell in 2002. In May 2024, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Flagler College.

Prior to becoming the President of his long-time client ICUF, Mr. Boyd was a successful attorney, litigator and lobbyist practicing primarily in the areas of governmental affairs, education, aviation, underground storage tanks, and administrative law and he remains AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

## **Robert J. Boyd, Esq.**

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Mr. Boyd has extensive experience representing clients before the Florida Legislature, including representation of ICUF, the Professional Educators Network (PEN) of Florida, the Association of American Publishers, the Book Manufacturers Institute, the Florida Council of Catholic Bishops, the Catholic Archdiocese of Miami, Quanterra Hydrogen Gasification LLC, the Florida Council of Independent Schools, the Florida Association of Academic Nonpublic Schools, and the Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority.

Mr. Boyd was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to the U.S. Office of Civil Rights Partnership Team with Florida on Minority Higher Education and is a former member of the Business/Higher Education Partnership of the Council of 100. Mr. Boyd was also appointed by the Department of Environmental Protection Secretary to the Technical Advisory Committee for Florida's Underground Storage Tank Program and by the Secretary of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to the Citizens Motorcycle Safety Council. Mr. Boyd has also represented many charter schools in Florida and he was the charter school attorney for one of Florida's first six charter schools approved by the Legislature. He also served as the attorney in the first ever successful charter school appeal before the Florida Cabinet in 1999.

Mr. Boyd received his undergraduate degree, Cum Laude, from Rollins College (1985), and his law degree, With Honors, from Florida State University College of Law (1988), and his Doctor of Humane Letters from Flagler College (2024). Mr. Boyd is a member of the Florida Bar and Washington, D.C. Bar, the United States Court of Appeals for Eleventh Circuit, as well as the United States District Courts in Florida, Middle District and Northern District.

## Alumni Speaker



### **Dr. Natesha O. Stevenson, DNP, APRN**

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse  
Orange Blossom Family Health, Orlando, Florida  
Doctor of Nursing Practice, April 2026

Dr. Natesha O. Stevenson is a graduate of Herzing University with three degrees – Associate of Science in Nursing (2010), Bachelor of Science in Nursing (2015), and Master of Science in Nursing (2019). She completed her Doctor of Nursing Practice in 2026 at the Wisconsin campus, where her residency centered on designing, implementing, and evaluating community-based health interventions, most notably diabetes self-management education (DSME) within faith-based settings.

Dr. Stevenson is recognized for her ability to identify practice gaps, lead multidisciplinary teams, and implement culturally tailored health initiatives that resonate with underserved populations. Her work integrates evidence-based practice with community engagement, advancing chronic disease education, and reducing health disparities through accessible, culturally grounded programming.

As a committed community health advocate, she has collaborated with churches, health ministries, and local organizations in offering opportunities for education on diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer prevention, and chronic illness management. Her approach reflects a core belief that health knowledge should be accessible to all and that empowered communities are healthier communities.

Dr. Stevenson is a board-certified advanced practice registered nurse through the American Nurses Credentialing Center and a Daisy Award nominee. She plans to establish family practice clinics dedicated to improving care access for underserved populations.

In addition to her professional work, she enjoys faith-centered living, holistic wellness, community involvement, and traveling with loved ones' interests that mirror her vibrant personality, commitment to balance, and passion for meaningful connections.

# Student of the Semester

The Student of the Semester award is 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 April 2026:

## Orlando Campus

Anne Shulga	Diploma in Practical Nursing
Ashley Anderson	Associate of Science in Nursing
Jessica Galvin	Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Holly Miller	Associate of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant
Cara Pinto	Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology

## Tampa Campus

Monique Fowler	Diploma in Practical Nursing
Melissa Bronk	Associate 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

### Certificate in Information Technology

Izaiah Morales

### Diploma in Insurance Billing and Coding Specialist

Neva Booth

Kiara Rivera

### Diploma in Medical Assisting

Liza Garrisi

Talmethea Harris

### Diploma in Medical Office Administration

Tyreese Allen

Charity Mercer <sup>h</sup>

### Diploma in Practical Nursing

Holly Anderson

Twanna Ellison-Mosley

Samara Arreola

Angely Estela Diaz <sup>h</sup>

Sharica Babb

Monique Fowler <sup>h</sup>

Natalie Banilbo <sup>h</sup>

Jada Fuller

Damiah Baronville

Madison Hamby

Derycka Bowman

Emily Hirsch <sup>h</sup>

Joshua Browne

Vinquandria Hopps <sup>h</sup>

Mikala Carter

Chanel Howard

Victoria Cidoni

Shyann Jackson <sup>h</sup>

Shonya Daughtery

Jessica Joseph

Midjina Dieujuste

Vivian Kirkpatrick

Angelica Dominique <sup>h</sup>

Shanyra Lewis <sup>h</sup>

# Diplomas

## Diploma in Practical Nursing

Shanyra Lewis

Lovemene Louis <sup>h</sup>

Ke'ra Lynch

Cianna Mcgonigle

Nicara McLeod <sup>h</sup>

Jennifer Napoles Guevara

Kaneesha Nelson

Crystal Onumajuru

Monique Pabon

Erica Phillips

Mark Pupo

Sheridan Redmond

Ariah Samuel <sup>h</sup>

Georgie Sanon

Gloria Sayegh Baez

Gloria Shackelford

Anne Shulga <sup>h</sup>

Angelica Sifuentes <sup>h</sup>

Imani Sprewer <sup>h</sup>

Samantha Stewart

Derek Tejada

## Diploma in Sterile Processing

Octavia Brown

Shantanelle Conley

Loni Dew <sup>h</sup>

Sumaiyah Evans

Sherielle Gaines

Joana Gutierrez Mendez

Mari Melendez-Duprey

Sheila Merizier <sup>h</sup>

Shauntina Murphy

Daniela Nieto <sup>h</sup>

Bria Ollivierre Williams

Kamyra Ottley <sup>h</sup>

Marquis Pugh <sup>h</sup>

Marta Suarez

Shana Wint

# Associate Degrees

## Associate of Science in Business Management

Miguel Camacho Hernandez <sup>h</sup>

Charlotte Cruz <sup>h</sup>

## Associate of Science in Criminal Justice

Jazmine McKain

William Sammut <sup>h</sup>

# Associate Degrees

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

Abigail Fleming

## Associate of Science in Health and Human Services

Rachelle Cherizard <sup>h</sup>

## Associate of Applied Science in Healthcare Administration

Maryan Hassan

## Associate of Science in Healthcare Administration

Abigail Adonis <sup>h</sup>

Trent Smith <sup>h</sup>

Ivette De La Rosa

Sophia Young

## Associate of Science in Insurance Billing and Coding Specialist

Armani Cooper

Maryssa Wilson

Anna McNally <sup>h</sup>

## Associate of Science in Medical Assisting Services

Roshawn Moore

## Associate of Science in Nursing

Rachel Alejandro

Jennifer Cintron

Leslie Allen

Christine Clark <sup>h</sup>

Judith Alvarado Fox <sup>h</sup>

Tamara Cleveland

Ashley Anderson <sup>h</sup>

Ashley Cortez

Valentina Angulo-Cabrera

Widgie Dalexis <sup>h</sup>

John Banilbo

Beauties Dorlouis <sup>h</sup>

Amosena Baptiste

Joanna Ekemode <sup>h</sup>

Marta Berman <sup>h</sup>

Wilson Ewulum

Jalivia Boyce

Briana Green <sup>h</sup>

Melissa Bronk <sup>h</sup>

Christina Green

Christine Castillo

Katelyn Guzman

Ilianna Castillo

Hailey Hershone

Sarah Castro

Mary Ann Jijo

# Associate Degrees

## Associate of Science in Nursing

Jean Marie Joseph	Georgette Sayegh <sup>h</sup>
Brittany Krzyzewski	Miavonti Scott
Veridiana Majer	Sherry Taylor
Subrina Manawar-khan <sup>h</sup>	Christian Torres Rivera <sup>h</sup>
Lauren Moore <sup>h</sup>	Chaneline Toussaint
Angela Mullins	Elvia Veliz
Edna Murray	Dominique Walker
Maria Ocasio	Autumn Williams
Emily Peralta Almonte	Tiffany Wykle
Emmanuella Pierre-Louis <sup>h</sup>	Leroy Youmans <sup>h</sup>
Shea Rodriguez	Karalyne Zingoni <sup>h</sup>
Elizabeth Rush	

## Associate of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant

Gabriel Anderson <sup>h</sup>	Holly Miller <sup>h</sup>
Kathrine Beck <sup>h</sup>	Juan Carlos Munoz
Felix Diaz	Emson Philogene <sup>h</sup>
Latonya Edwards	Lorenzo Richardson
Samantha Henry	Wensky Saintilmond
Riggo Hernandez	Daniflor St Amour <sup>h</sup>
Emilio Jimenez <sup>h</sup>	Ansley Vixama
Logan Lovely	Quela Williams

## Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology

Rebekah Abraham	Jasmille Gomez
Myles Bivins <sup>h</sup>	Izabella Milian <sup>h</sup>
Ariel Bryant	Jaylon Moore
Alexandra Castro <sup>h</sup>	Cara Pinto <sup>h</sup>
Katherine Comas <sup>h</sup>	Cariana Rodriguez <sup>h</sup>
Anna Corbett <sup>h</sup>	Jonathan Serrano <sup>h</sup>
Heisy Cruz <sup>h</sup>	Paige Thornburg <sup>h</sup>
Scott Elger	

# Bachelor's Degrees

## Bachelor of Science in Business Management

Tiara Cartwright <sup>c</sup>

Trianna Stroger

## Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Services

Justin Thicklin <sup>m</sup>

## Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

Richard Rippy

## Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration

Tashas Jordan

Hailey Patterson

Atiya Noble <sup>s</sup>

Jessica Recio <sup>c</sup>

## Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Michelle Barrett

Anita Kalms

Crystal Bucknor

Krystal Lopez

Mariangely Cabrera

Deidra Marsh

Claudia Cardenas

Christelle Moise

Jaime Dahl

Eric Monegro

Derico Davis

Danielle Porter

Wendy De Gale Stewart <sup>c</sup>

Lissa Reedy <sup>s</sup>

Herlande DeJean <sup>c</sup>

Evelyn Serrato Ramos

Iliana Dejesus

Hannah Shaw

Katrina Denny <sup>s</sup>

Ivanis Soto Abreu <sup>s</sup>

Nehedgie Dijon <sup>c</sup>

Jennifer Terry <sup>m</sup>

Elizabeth Errico <sup>c</sup>

Kelly Tolster

Edwing Faustair

Helena Tshikaya

Jessica Galvin <sup>m</sup>

Shakira Valentin-Capella <sup>m</sup>

Tremika George

Reghan Viera

Ashley Jacques

## Bachelor of Science in Software Development

Nadia Maynard <sup>m</sup>

# Master's Degrees

## Master of Business Administration in Business Analytics

Christopher Manning

Kimberly McDonald

## Master of Science in Cybersecurity

Brian Houston

## Master of Science in Healthcare Administration

Kelly Galicia

Mary Rozell

Crystal Mitchell

Takierra Sanders

## Master of Science in Nursing

Karen Anheh

Dalida Escalera Blanco

Savanna Burness

Chrystelle Gary

Marilyn Ceballos

Alexandra Ruiz

Hanna Danielson

Vanessa Sanders

Dieumene Dort

Laura Topliffe

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

Alaina Davis

Lindsay Shipplett

Kevin Jose

Erica Williams

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

Janine Greenway

## Master of Science in Nursing in Family Nurse Practitioner

Cristina Aparicio

Genie Click

Nicole Assing

Alyssa Cruz

Candace Brown

Dieuna Eliassaint

Wendy Brown

Shantele Fletcher

Cindy Cajuste

Barbara Galvin

Nicole Chierico

Jean Gillmore

Katherine Chin

Leslie Hobbie

## Master's Degrees

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

Monique Johnson

Stefani Lazarova-Eusebio

Stacielyn Lewis

Virginia Machuca

Aline Martins

Jennifer Merens Leake

Sara Moore

Hanel Patel

Daphne Rochlitz

Taylor Vernon

Ariel Warner

### Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Education

Dayaritz Maldonado

Alaura Schmeer

### Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Leadership and Administration

Ciara Brown

Stacy Mathurin

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

Harriet Antwi

Chelsey Armstrong

Branden Burke

Heidi Burke

Erik Clarillos

Kristin Herold Clarillos

Lindsey Esperance

Aynsley Grove

Diane Hernandez

Theresa Hobbs

Michelle Hoenig

Breanna Klein

Rene Francis Malig

Andrea Matheson

Eduardo Montes

Daniel Morales

Mahshid Mousavi

Ekene Perpetua Nwafor

Obianuju Okonkwo

Kristine Ortiz

Chariya Preap

Ghiselle Simon

Paul Vallas

### Master of Social Work (Advanced Standing)

Lydia Etheridge

## Master's Degrees

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

Michelle Freire Sanchez

Janeicia Jack

Gene Sardon

Samjhana Shrestha

Donna Tucker

## Doctorate Degrees

Carmelia Lee

Natesha Stevenson

Heather Way



# 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 inductees have a grade point average of 3.75 or higher and are recognized 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.

# 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! Please go to:

[alumni.herzing.edu](http://alumni.herzing.edu)

and register to connect with classmates as well as enjoy the numerous complimentary benefits of the Association.



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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

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