HERZING UNIVERSITY
COMMENCEMENT

Friday, July 17th, 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

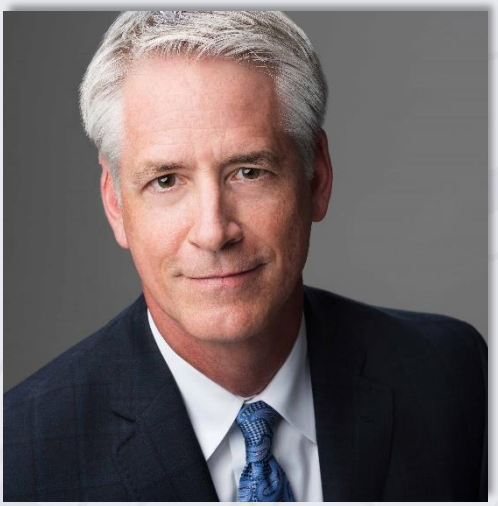
Conferring of Degrees

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.

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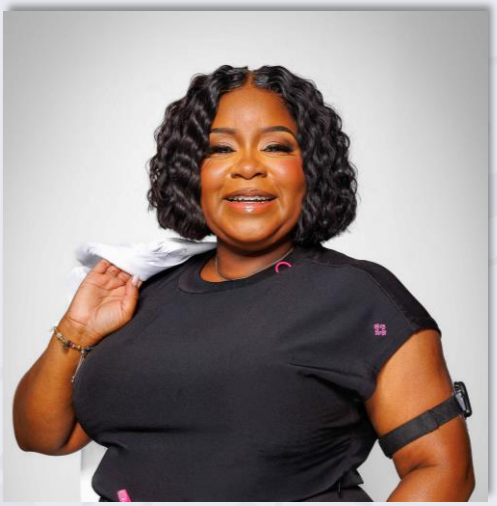
Mr. Boyd has extensive experience representing clients before the Florida Legislature, including representation of ICUF, the Professional Educators Network (PEN) of Florida, the Association of American Publishers, the Book Manufacturers Institute, the Florida Council of Catholic Bishops, the Catholic Archdiocese of Miami, Quantera 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 [h]

Diploma in Practical Nursing

Holly Anderson

Samara Arreola

Sharica Babb

Natalie Banilbo [h]

Damiah Baronville

Derycka Bowman

Joshua Browne

Mikala Carter

Victoria Cidoni

Shonya Daughtery

Midjina Dieujuste

Angelica Dominique [h]

Twanna Ellison-Mosley

Angely Estela Diaz [h]

Monique Fowler [h]

Jada Fuller

Madison Hamby

Emily Hirsch [h]

Vinquandria Hopps [h]

Chanel Howard

Shyann Jackson [h]

Jessica Joseph

Vivian Kirkpatrick

Shanyra Lewis [h]

Diplomas

Diploma in Practical Nursing

Shanyra Lewis

Lovemene Louis [h]

Ke'ra Lynch

Cianna Mcgonigle

Nicara McLeod [h]

Jennifer Napoles Guevara

Kaneesha Nelson

Crystal Onumajuru

Monique Pabon

Erica Phillips

Mark Pupo

Sheridan Redmond

Ariah Samuel [h]

Georgie Sanon

Gloria Sayegh Baez

Gloria Shackelford

Anne Shulga [h]

Angelica Sifuentes [h]

Imani Sprewer [h]

Samantha Stewart

Derek Tejada

Diploma in Sterile Processing

Octavia Brown

Shantanelle Conley

Loni Dew [h]

Sumaiyah Evans

Sherielle Gaines

Joana Gutierrez Mendez

Mari Melendez-Duprey

Sheila Merizier [h]

Shauntina Murphy

Daniela Nieto [h]

Bria Ollivierre Williams

Kamyra Ottley [h]

Marquis Pugh [h]

Marta Suarez

Shana Wint

Associate Degrees

Associate of Science in Business Management

Miguel Camacho Hernandez [h]

Charlotte Cruz [h]

Associate of Science in Criminal Justice

Jazmine McKain

William Sammut [h]

Associate Degrees

Associate of Science in General Studies - Pre-Nursing

Abigail Fleming

Associate of Science in Health and Human Services

Rachelle Cherizard [h]

Associate of Applied Science in Healthcare Administration

Maryan Hassan

Associate of Science in Healthcare Administration

Abigail Adonis [h]

Ivette De La Rosa

Trent Smith [h]

Sophia Young

Associate of Science in Insurance Billing and Coding Specialist

Armani Cooper

Anna McNally [h]

Maryssa Wilson

Associate of Science in Medical Assisting Services

Roshawn Moore

Associate of Science in Nursing

Rachel Alejandro

Leslie Allen

Judith Alvarado Fox [h]

Ashley Anderson [h]

Valentina Angulo-Cabrera

John Banilbo

Amosena Baptiste

Marta Berman [h]

Jalivia Boyce

Melissa Bronk [h]

Christine Castillo

Ilianna Castillo

Sarah Castro

Jennifer Cintron

Christine Clark [h]

Tamara Cleveland

Ashley Cortez

Widgie Dalexis [h]

Beauties Dorlouis [h]

Joanna Ekemode [h]

Wilson Ewulum

Briana Green [h]

Christina Green

Katelyn Guzman

Hailey Hershone

Mary Ann Jijo

Associate Degrees

Associate of Science in Nursing

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

Associate of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant

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

Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology

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

Bachelor's Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Business Management

Tiara Cartwright [c]

Trianna Stroger

Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Services

Justin Thicklin [m]

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

Richard Rippy

Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration

Tashas Jordan

Atiya Noble [s]

Hailey Patterson

Jessica Recio [c]

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Michelle Barrett

Crystal Bucknor

Mariangely Cabrera

Claudia Cardenas

Jaime Dahl

Derico Davis

Wendy De Gale Stewart [c]

Herlande DeJean [c]

Iliana Dejesus

Katrina Denny [s]

Nehedgie Dijon [c]

Elizabeth Errico [c]

Edwing Faustair

Jessica Galvin [m]

Tremika George

Ashley Jacques

Anita Kalms

Krystal Lopez

Deidra Marsh

Christelle Moise

Eric Monegro

Danielle Porter

Lissa Reedy [s]

Evelyn Serrato Ramos

Hannah Shaw

Ivanis Soto Abreu [s]

Jennifer Terry [m]

Kelly Tolster

Helena Tshikaya

Shakira Valentin-Capella [m]

Reghan Viera

Bachelor of Science in Software Development

Nadia Maynard [m]

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
Crystal Mitchell
Mary Rozell
Takierra Sanders

Master of Science in Nursing

Karen Anheh
Savanna Burness
Marilyn Ceballos
Hanna Danielson
Dieumene Dort
Dalida Escalera Blanco
Chrystelle Gary
Alexandra Ruíz
Vanessa Sanders
Laura Topliffe

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

Alaina Davis
Kevin Jose
Lindsay Shipplett
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
Nicole Assing
Candace Brown
Wendy Brown
Cindy Cajuste
Nicole Chierico
Katherine Chin
Genie Click
Alyssa Cruz
Dieuna Eliassaint
Shantele Fletcher
Barbara Galvin
Jean Gillmore
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

Dayaritzi 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

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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

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

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HERZING
— CIRCLE —

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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

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