

HERZING UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT



Friday, October 9th, 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



Megan Koorn , DNP, MBA, NE-BC

Chief Nursing Officer at UCF Lake Nona

Dr. Megan L. Koorn, DNP, MBA, NE-BC, serves as Chief Nursing Officer of UCF Lake Nona Hospital, part of HCA Florida Healthcare. A transformational healthcare executive with more than 15 years of leadership experience, she leads across clinical operations, quality and patient safety, physician partnership, workforce strategy, innovation, and organizational growth.

At UCF Lake Nona Hospital - HCA Healthcare's first Innovation Hub - Dr. Koorn champions digital transformation while keeping people at the center of care. Her leadership has helped advance patient safety, patient experience, service-line growth, and innovative technologies that support caregivers and clinicians. She is especially passionate about mentoring nurses and developing the next generation of healthcare leaders.

Dr. Koorn serves on the Dean's Advisory Board for the University of Central Florida College of Nursing and advisory boards for Galen College of Nursing and Valencia College. She earned her DNP from Capella University, MBA in Healthcare Management from Western Governors University, and is Nurse Executive Board Certified. Megan lives in Lake Nona with her husband, Shain, and their sons, Austin and Ayden, and enjoys gardening and cheering from the sidelines at her boys' football games.

Alumni Speaker



Ghiselle Simon, MSN, RN

Executive Director at Optum, United Healthcare Group
Three Time Graduate from Herzing University

Ghiselle Simon is a registered nurse, healthcare executive, nurse advocate, and Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner graduate whose career reflects a commitment to service, leadership, and advancing healthcare. Beginning her journey as a home health aide, Ghiselle steadily advanced through nursing and healthcare leadership while pursuing her education over the years at Herzing University, where she earned her Associate Degree in Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and recently in April of 2026, Master of Science in Nursing with a specialization as a Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. Ghiselle is currently pursuing a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in Nursing Leadership and Administration at Herzing.

Throughout her career, Ghiselle has provided care and leadership across diverse healthcare settings, including OB emergency care, progressive care, bone marrow oncology, psychiatric nursing, home health, private-duty nursing, and nursing leadership. Her experience as a float nurse, educator, and mentor strengthened her ability to adapt, lead, and support clinical excellence.

Today, Ghiselle serves as an Executive Director with Optum, part of UnitedHealth Group, where she oversees healthcare operations, regulatory compliance, organizational strategy, performance improvement, and growth initiatives. Her progression from bedside nursing to executive leadership has reinforced her belief that effective leadership requires expertise, empathy, adaptability, and a deep understanding of both caregivers and patients.

A passionate advocate for the nursing profession, Ghiselle serves as Vice Chair and Board Trustee of the Florida Nurses Political Action Committee through the Florida Nurses Association and was selected to represent Florida in the American Nurses Association Nurse Advocacy Institute. Above all, she is a proud mother of four who believes leadership is defined by service, advocacy, mentorship, and creating meaningful change in the communities we serve.

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:

Online Campus – Overall Award Recipient

Terra Johnson	Bachelor of Science in Nursing
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Orlando Campus

Sherline Mauvais	Diploma in Practical Nursing
Lovely Georges	Associate of Science in Nursing
Anna Edouard	Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Gabrielle Graefe	Associate of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant
Kelly Kipp	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.

Doctorate Degrees

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Blessing Dan-Dukor

Blake Nutt

Tracy McKenzie

Doctor of Nursing Practice in Family Nurse Practitioner

Jivann Tate

Post Master's Certificates

Post Master's Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Edna Daniel

Shakira Johnson

Andrea Daniel

Arieal Lee

Nicole Ditsler

Gene Sardon

Mitzi Hooker

Donna Tucker

Jennifer Jesseman

Master's Degrees

Master of Business Administration

Jennifer Strong

Master's Degrees

Master of Business Administration in Business Analytics

Mhykee Larrobis Jallah

Master of Science in Health and Human Services Leadership

Kiara Clark Hyatt

Yaitza Rios Blasini

Master of Science in Healthcare Administration

Jennifer Hernandez

Melissa Rucker

Tiffany Kemper

Master of Science in Nursing

Kristen Alea

Chanel Johnson

Karen Ankeh

Kristin Lee

McKayla Bailey

Aime Mbakulirahi

Louanna Barran-Etim

Melvin McDowell

Jessica Bateman

Luz Montiel

Tamara Beckford

Regina Nyanfaku

Ashtavia Brown

Tanesha Pitts

Christanique Brown

Destini Russell

Nicholas Bruce

Brittany Teach

Cassandra Carey

Michelle Van Horn

Francescar Derisier

Simone Wallace

Natalie Fiallo

Matthew Walters

Cecilia Ford

Cathy Webb

Ethan Grant

Cassie Williams

Amanda Hansen-Norwood

Kwanza Williams

Haelyn Holden

Kennedi Wojtowicz

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

Jo-Marie Ewell

Letta Jackson

Misty Gutierrez

Master's Degrees

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

Megan Bankasingh

Monique Jones

Daria Mendoza

Glenda Rodriguez Figueroa

Master of Science in Nursing in Family Nurse Practitioner

Alex Ameeraly

Ingrid Barreto Quinones

Aimelys Berrios

Shella Bredy

Porche Brown-Edwards

Tessy Cadely

Jessica Corchado

Sheryl Fairley

Stacey Fey

Rebecca Fisher

Lonnie Jones

Velouse Latouche

Gilitza Laureano

Myriam Louaked

Jeninne Manzano

Angela Martinez

Hongbo Nie

Hanel Patel

Loreto Perrot Sepulveda

Brooke Rodriguez

Natalie Rodriguez Correa

Carolina Romero-Terranova

Alexis Schell

Skyler Serro

Leah Simon

Tanya Tucker

Tamika Valma

Viannie Vasquez

Samantha Vernon

Melissa Zambrana

Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Education

Camille Atisme-McDole

Edward Cuevas Hernandez

Mary Jhona Nguyen

Kathy Rubis

Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Leadership and Administration

Mirell Fernandez

Kaitlyn Grissom

Master of Science in Nursing in Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

Paula De Lima Monteiro

Master's Degrees

Master of Science in Nursing in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Rico Bryan Adamos

Ronesea Allen

Alexandria Beaudet

Jessica Ciullo

Tera Denner

JaToya Donley

Charlyn Familia

Ciara Franklin

Tessie Gibson

Joshua Lopez

Meily Lopez

Kenza Louaked

Tawana Michel

Ashleigh Nunez

DarWanda Shavon-Love Okenwa

James Plaisir

Shakia Ranson

Alka Thakur

Joyce Torsu

Wisline Valmir

Denise Vanegas

Cheryl Wickens

Desmarie Ximines

Mary Yeboah

Master of Science in Nursing in Public Health Nursing

Robin Beutelus

Master of Science in Nursing in Women's Health Nurse Practitioner

Hope Elko

Heather Terranova

Master of Social Work

Na'kia Salter

Bachelor's Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Business Management

Elijah Duncan ^m

Karona Stoney ^c

Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Services

Briana Rochez

Xaira Santiago Morales

Bachelor's Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

Sanjay Anand

Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration

Alexandria Burwell ^c

Summer Flowers ^m

Kamille Garcia ^c

Katherine Hernandez ^s

Karla Marcellus ^m

Juan Mendoza

Bachelor of Science in Human Resources

Caressa Bray ^s

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Professional Studies

Luis Turcios ^m

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Adwoa Afriyie ^s

Alexandria Algor

Fareeda Alie ^c

Abigail Ayala

Gabriela Briceno Padilla

Miranda Brown ^c

Myrlande Charles Gaspard ^c

Anna Edouard ^c

Savannah Evans-Wright ^m

Nilda Figueroa ^c

Julie Garay ^c

Bryan Gellineau

Kellie Gilstrap ^m

Shadene Gunter Thomas

Kerry Jean ^c

Terra Johnson ^s

Kaitlyn Jorge

Alexis Lores ^m

Jennifer Matheson ^c

Princess Mensah ^s

Julie Misleydi Delgado ^s

Sharon Oliver ^c

Glory Ortiz

Sheitamili Perez ^c

Kendra Ridley

Alexandria Algor Rodriguez

Amarilis Rodriguez

Fyona Roechester ^c

Latasha Scott ^m

Marlene Smith ^m

Miriam Thompson ^m

Jason Villarreal ^s

Candace Watts ^s

Angelica Xenes-Pacheco

Bachelor's Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Project Management

Nicole Maya

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Asia Austin ^c

Ashley Rutland

Raquia Davis

Associate Degrees

Associate of Science in Criminal Justice

Christian Sanchez ^h

Associate of Science in General Studies – Pre-Nursing

Natacha Dorante Laclotte

Dave Gelin

Macdarlie Eliassaint ^h

Taylor Johnson

Jacqueline Fernandez

Johnnie Newell

Associate of Science in Health and Human Services

Ariana Prophete

Associate of Science in Health Information Management

Ah'Lexus Blackwell ^h

Ashley Jasper ^h

Kassidi Chapell ^h

Associate of Science in Healthcare Administration

Arilys Pereira Colon

Lucia Spence

Noris Rodriguez Santiago

Associate of Science in Information Technology

Eric Connors

Associate Degrees

Associate of Science Insurance Billing and Coding Specialist

Armani Cooper^h

Oakeisha George^h

Chayna Flores^h

Maryssa Wilson

Associate of Science in Medical Assisting Services

Rama Arafeh

Nicole Reese^h

Associate of Science in Nursing

Snide Alcinord

Naderge Hunter^h

Sandra Ariwodo

Jackelyn Mafla^h

Cierra Ashley

Katiria Melendez

Shareen Broom^h

Deon Moser

Marie Brown

Tania Nicolas^h

Selena Burgos

Brian Portillo Rivera

Stephanie Cano^h

Sandra Rodriguez

Gabriela Colon-Kaiser

Daisha Russell

Antonia Coschignano^h

Jennifer Similien

Angella Davis

Kelly Skaggs

Sylvie Francois

Olga Soto Medina

Luz Frias Mora^h

Ashley Villegas

Gabriela Garcia

Riley Webb

Lovely Georges^h

Shondreka Wells

Andrearitza Gil Martinez

Logan Wilson

Kayla Grant

Shayla Wyles

Dayna Hay

Associate of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant

Calimar Albelo

Gabrielle Graefe^h

Sergio Balingit

Manika Guerrier

Jessica Cassady

Itiyah Israel

Edna Castillo^h

Phillip Kentish

Joe Feliciano^h

Michael McFayden^h

Associate Degrees

Associate of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant

Tyler Montes

Dwayne Norsworthy

Milena Rocha Brasil Ferreira^h

Mark Rodriguez Acevedo^h

Haven Scott

Paris Shields

Justin Thomas^h

Marielis Traverzo Quintana

Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology

DwayneBynum

Alexander Garcia^h

Jordan Hernandez

Gefthe Jean Philippe^h

Kelly Kipp^h

Jermesha Lawrence

Grace Long^h

Kimberly Matos

Corey Miller^h

Jahliah Morales

Elvis Ortiz^h

Samantha Rosa^h

Lauren Tejada

Sebastian Urena Nembhard

Rheanna Williams

Diplomas

Diploma in Insurance Billing and Coding Specialist

Diana Ferrer^h

Elizabeth Geraghty

Schneidine Milfort

Kristian Reid

Allison Rice

Kiara Rivera

Diploma in Medical Assisting

Justine Buckner^h

Kirah Cosat^h

Mekayla Dyson

Amanda Lidey-Lees

Ruthann Nelson^h

Diploma in Medical Office Administration

Dasia Graham^h

Caitlin Kelly^h

Carmen Rodriguez

Diplomas

Diploma in Practical Nursing

Lephtee Auguste^h

Florrita Barnes

Rosemarie Barrett

Jasmine Bly^h

Derycka Bowman

Kennisa Irene Brown^h

Tytiara Brown

Crystal Bullock

Erica Casteel

Vanessa Celestin

Laniyah Coller^h

Shadae Coppin^h

Jackie Duskin^h

Dominique Edwards

Kierra Fleming

Sabrina Florestil^h

Shatanya Gooden^h

Zarrita Gregg

Cassandra Hart

Tiffany Howard

Jenna Hughes

Shahniah Ible^h

Daury Jimenez Perez^h

Genashia Jones

Emonee Justice

Tavia Knowles^h

Anne Lafortune

Sherline Mauvais^h

Teriauna Mccray

Zenadie Mireles

Roberto Perez Ramos

Amber Peterson

Nori Peterson^h

Adesha Pickering^h

Jennifer Pierre^h

Ashley Portwood

Denniseya Pugh^h

Infiniti Randolph

Sheridan Redmond

Araceli Rojas

Brittany Rood

Johnbel Ruiz^h

Avianna Rush

Noelani Salva Jimenez

Georgie Sanon

Victoria Santiago

Shanyce Semexan^h

Elisha St. Preux

Linda Tatoute^h

Loretta Thomas

Raven Thomas^h

Natalie Tovar

Leaonna Tucker^h

Molly Twikirize^h

Kyshema Walker

Nijahne Whitehorne

Diplomas

Diploma in Sterile Processing

Kristi Batronie^h

Emani Bell^h

Courtney Butler

Rayven Clinch

Ileana Defendini^h

Gianna Diblasi

Vivian Eason

Quashawn Edwards

Sherielle Gaines

Zionne Holmes

China Horne

Renee Jenkins

Nina La

Vanessa Labissiere

Roshell Long^h

Kiara McWhite

Mari Melendez-Duprey

Bambi Murwin^h

Zallianna Pacheco-Johnson^h

Mi'Kila Simmons

Alexis Sturup

Diamond Thornton

Daviya Walker

Angel Willis

Iyanna Wilson

Nadia Wyatt

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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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
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