

HERZING UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT



Thursday, October 10th 2024, 7:30 PM CT

Minneapolis Convention Center

Minneapolis, MN

Commencement Ceremony

~ Processional ~

**Welcome &
Introduction**

Dr. Jeff Hill
Regional Vice President,
Midwest

**Student of the Year
Award**

Dr. Daniel Marcelle
Director, Minneapolis Campus

**Commencement
Speaker**

Dr. Rosalie Perpich
Founder, Stillwater Family Dental
and Dignified Dental

**Conferring of
Diplomas**

Dr. Ashley Chouinard
Program Chair, Dental Hygiene

**Hooding of Master
& Doctoral Candidates**

Dr. Diana Kostrzewski
Program Chair, Nursing

**Hooding of Doctoral
Candidates**

Dr. Daniel Marcelle
Director, Minneapolis Campus

**Distinguished Alumni
Award Introduction**

Stephanie Hoppe
Sr. Alumni Relations
Ambassador, MBA '23

**Alumni
Pledge**

Erica Conlin
Dental Hygiene Faculty
MS Healthcare Administration
'24
BS Dental Hygiene '18

**Charge to Graduates
& Closing Remarks**

Dr. Kitty Kautzer
Chief Academic Officer

~ Recessional ~

Commencement Speaker



Dr. Rosalie Perpich

Founder, Stillwater Family Dental and Dignified Dental

Dr. Perpich's career training began in 1986 when she completed her Certified Nursing Assistant training at Hennepin Technical College. While serving six years as a medic in the Minnesota National Guard, she attended the University of Minnesota and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in biology. The culmination of her studies was when she graduated cum laude from the University of Minnesota

School of Dentistry with her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree. She completed her general practice residency at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Philadelphia, PA in 1998.

She has served on multiple committees including the Barriers to Care Committee and Editorial Advisory Board, as the president of the St. Paul District Dental Society, six years as a trustee for the Minnesota Dental Association. Dr. Perpich is the immediate past President of the Minnesota Dental Association and continues to serve on the Minnesota Dental Foundation Board.

She has had the honor of lecturing at the University of Minnesota's Geriatric mini-residency program and published articles in both Northwest Dentistry and The Special Care in Dentistry journals.

Dr Perpich is the founder of Stillwater Family Dental and Dignified Dental.

Her charitable outreach includes the foundation of the first-ever dental clinic in Bois Tombe, Haiti

She is elected by peers to membership in the International College of Dentists. And is a member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, Academy of General Dentistry, Minnesota Dental Association, American Dental Association, and a Qualified Dentist through the American Association of Dental Sleep Medicine.

She is a proud mother of her two sons; one is a soon-to-be-graduate of Tulane University and one is in his sophomore year at the University of Iowa.

Chief Academic Officer



Dr. Kitty Kautzer
Chief Academic Officer
Herzing University

Dr. Kautzer is a seasoned educational leader with over 25 years of experience providing leadership for academic operations, regulatory compliance, faculty effectiveness and curriculum development and assessment within higher education and related sectors.

Throughout her career, Dr. Kautzer has focused on the application of technology to enhance teaching and learning. She has demonstrated a remarkable ability to innovate and streamline academic processes, optimize instructional delivery, and enhance student success across multiple institutions. She has held leadership roles at institutions of all sizes, including a group of regionally and nationally accredited schools, which combined had 6,000 faculty members and 116,000 students.

In 2015, Dr. Kautzer joined Herzing University and has overseen tremendous academic innovation in healthcare and nursing programs, leading the research and curriculum development of more than twenty new degree programs including the addition of Herzing University's first doctorate-level program. At Herzing University, she found an ideal fit for her desire to positively impact the confidence and competence of adult learners through education designed for career readiness. She holds a strong record of driving academic excellence, fostering innovation, and leading organizational change, making a significant impact on educational outcomes and institutional effectiveness.

Dr. Kautzer earned a Bachelor of Science in Comprehensive Science and Secondary Teaching from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. She received a Master of Science in Education and Doctor of Education from Northern Illinois University.

Students of the Year

Hannah Marx
Accelerated BSN
Minneapolis Campus

Madeline Otting
Bachelor of Science In Dental Hygiene
Minneapolis Campus

Distinguished Alumni



Erica Conlin

Dental Hygiene Clinical Instructor
Herzing University
Master of Science in Healthcare Administration,
2024

Erica Conlin is a Master of Science graduate in Healthcare Administration from Herzing University (2024). She holds a Bachelor's degree in Dental Hygiene from Herzing University (2018), where she earned recognition on the President's and Dean's Lists and actively participated in the Student American Dental Hygienists' Association (SADHA). Erica has served as a part-time Dental Hygiene Clinical Instructor at Herzing University since 2021 and has been a Dental Hygienist at Ostrem Dental since 2018. Since completing her master's degree in May, Erica has been teaching didactic courses at Herzing in conjunction with clinical courses.

Erica loves teaching and finds it fulfilling to watch students utilize the skills they've learned and see them grow every day. Her favorite topic to teach is patient education, using real-life experiences to connect the dots and enhance learning.

Erica has been married to her husband Joe for 18 years and has two beautiful boys, Alex and Zachary. She loves spending time with her family, reading books, and watching the Green Bay Packers!

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 Dental Assisting

Fuad M Abdullahi <i>h</i>	Julia Martinez <i>h</i>
Ridwan Afrah	John Merdelus <i>h</i>
Morgan Blackstad	Angela Meyer
Raeann Carver <i>h</i>	Jaci Miller
Tatum Christianson-Wald	Hailey Moore <i>h</i>
Shelby Coon	Elizabeth Morben <i>h</i>
Rebecca Dvorak	Fayn Nyo
Katelin Esquivel Rodriguez	Mar'Sean Patterson <i>h</i>
Katelin Esser <i>h</i>	Nikki Puchalla <i>h</i>
Alexia Gilbertson <i>h</i>	Kaitlyn Rapacz <i>h</i>
Rebekah Green	Yvanna Sagan
Ammy Inamagua	Ahmed Saiwan <i>h</i>
Ayisha Johnson	Olena Shkumbatyuk <i>h</i>
Payton Kaufman	Jennifer Smith <i>h</i>
Morgan Kes	Skylar Staylor
Lasean Khamda <i>h</i>	Kristen Theders <i>h</i>
Jamesia Kimmons	Tavifa Wahlin <i>h</i>
McKenzie Klein <i>h</i>	Jamie Xiong <i>h</i>
Patricia Macari <i>h</i>	Sanjana Yang <i>h</i>
Clare Mailand <i>h</i>	Kaozer Yang

Diploma in Insurance Billing and Coding Specialist

Amber Brockmiller	Ashley Reich <i>h</i>
I'Laya Harrison	Cassandra Stang
Shabri Kilgo	Erica Yang

Diplomas

Diploma in Medical Assisting

Laura Aanerud *h*

Ayan Abdi

Hailey Daher

Sierra McBounds

Diploma in Medical Office Administration

Elaine Velasquez

Diploma in Sterile Processing

Ala Abdallah *h*

Lauren Baker

Faisa Hashi

Taya Staton

Associate Degrees

Associate of Applied Science in Dental Assisting

Grace Alexander	Mahalia Mgeni <i>h</i>
Juli Bader <i>h</i>	Leslie Morado
Amy Cain	Alyssa Navarro <i>h</i>
Adiya Dennis <i>h</i>	Elyce Nielsen
Paige Erickson <i>h</i>	Rachel Rust <i>h</i>
Anyssa Gardner	Yecenia Salas Mimblera <i>h</i>
Serena Goding	Rory Smith <i>h</i>
Mary Hakseth	Alexandra Soukup <i>h</i>
Fardowsa Hassan	Kaitlin Strommen <i>h</i>
Leanna Hoff	Cayla Tilbury
Audrey Hopwood <i>h</i>	Kathryn Weeks <i>h</i>
Haja Kaba	Emily Weinreis <i>h</i>
Hannah Kern	Frida Wichterman
Alexis Lara <i>h</i>	Lindsay Wood <i>h</i>
Phoenix Lee <i>h</i>	Autumn-Lin Xiong <i>h</i>
Elma Medic	Emilee Zirngible
Cindy Mejia	

Associate of Applied Science in General Studies– Pre-Nursing

Saynab Abdullahi	Melissa Helmbrecht
Payten Atkins	Simon Hidig
Michelle Baruth <i>h</i>	Diana Jaimes <i>h</i>
Stefanny Camacho <i>h</i>	Selena Landeros <i>h</i>
Melissa Campbell	Latrechia Mayo <i>h</i>
Dynasty N Chang	Carrie Mulkern
Celes Erickson	Lisa Nyenie-Wea <i>h</i>
Angela Farma	Samuel Nyuma
Hanna Ford	Heather Sager <i>h</i>
Jedidah M Goffa	Ikram Salah
Israel Green	Sandy Thao <i>h</i>
Michelle Harbison	Sabrina Toth <i>h</i>

Associate Degrees

Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology

Christina Peters

Associate of Applied Science in Insurance Billing and Coding Specialist

Nicole Busch *h*

Ashley Wright

Salma Eldaba

Seren Yang

Associate of Applied Science in Legal Studies

Michele Richardt *h*

Associate of Applied Science in Medical Coding

Kelly Randle

Lilliana Zink

Associate of Applied Science in Software Development

Douchi Vue

Associate of Science in Health and Human Services

Agnes Ogunti

Associate of Science in Healthcare Administration

Karneisha Carter *h*

Joanne Yang

Associate of Science in Medical Assisting Services

Michelle Washington

Bachelor's Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Business Management

Murwo Elmi

Bachelor of Science in Computer Networking

Joe Thao

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Jessica Ebbe Daniel

Denita Sole

Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity

James McGuiggan s

Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

Emmanuel Afolabi

Ihab Melhem

Ayan Ahmed

Kristine Miller

Brianna Belair

Rukiya Mohamed c

Kiara Brown c

Payten Osterhues c

Cassandra Cotten m

Madeline Otting c

Mariama Diallo

Katherine Oviedo c

Marisa Felton

Svetlana Paskar

Tyra Furlong

Abbie-Jo Peterson m

Kelly Hamlin

Alyssa Phetdara c

Lydia Hauge s

Tarmarcia Roberts

Katelyn Heiland

Jessica Schwantes

Laila Hernandez Higuera

Alexandra Soliz c

Casey Hippe c

Krystle Staker

Asha Jayte

Kha Thao

Lauren Johnson

Danielle Toe

Latrina Laney

Marina Xiong c

Ruby Lopez

Abbygail Yang

Carley Madson

Serenity Yang

Milan Magee

Amanda Zaudtke

Bachelor's Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management

Bethany Aarons s

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

Obsitu Abdukadir *m*

Felycia Marcial

Amino Aden s

Vanessa Saina *m*

Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration

Alicia Byzewski *m*

Jaimee Rudie

Kelley Erickson s

Roberta Wea

Hodan Jama c

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Fowseya Abdullahi

Tenzin Geshe

Khadija Ali

Rachel Graff c

Sabah Askar

Graciela Guantello

Bilise Bariso

Jessica Hach

Brynn Bartness c

Ridwan Hassan

Katherine Bastian

Payton Holthaus c

Lexus Bates

Alexa Hoyme

Sofia Bekuto

Badriya Issa Qassin

Mahlet Berhanu

Maitina Jabathy

Keja Berry

Molly Jurich

Elizabeth Brennan

Sumeya Kasim

Brielle Campbell

Kristina Kincaid

Jordan Cich c

Jane Koch *m*

Rotcharin Danh

Dze Perpetual Kwefong

Wilette Davies

Amanda Lee

Kayla Davis

Elizabeth Ly

Cherida Dobrinska c

Hannah Marx c

Ysabela Mae Esguerra

Kayola Mboma

Diane Flowers

Joshua Mobley

Olivia Gallagher c

Munira Mohamed

Bachelor's Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Cont.)

Meske Mohamud	Abimbola Taiwo
Farhio Mohamud	Ka Zang Thao
Courtney Mork <i>m</i>	Beeda Thao
Hermella Negash	Katie Thompson
Quinta Nkonki	Dana Trofimovich <i>m</i>
Rachel Omodt	Uzoamaka Uzoma
Gabrielle Ortiz	Jennifer Valerio
Priya Patel	Madison Voge
George Rhode	Eugene Walter <i>c</i>
Taylor Ritchot	Amaal Warfa
Maria Nonelyn Saliente	Mariah Wetzel
Jacob Schoenhofen	Chloe Wienholz
Ifraah Shukri	Semika Willingham
Erin Skelly	Daniesha Wilson
Zecky Sparrow <i>c</i>	Nicholas Winkels
Joyce Spirko <i>c</i>	Ethan Wolk
Rachael Stanek <i>c</i>	Kajeltu Worku
Annie Stanz	Bee Yang
Tamara Sweezy	

Bachelor of Science in Software Development

Sang Le

Bachelor of Science in Technology Management

Olivia A Olvera

Master's Degrees

Master of Business Administration

Kyia Burks-Lankford

Shenee Marcial

Heather Dzamba

Birhan Tadese

Master of Science in Healthcare Administration

Jennifer Miller

Master of Science in Nursing

Julie Wolfram Smith

Jamie Shearer

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

Chad Geisinger

Master of Science in Nursing in Family Nurse Practitioner

Kimberly Spivack

Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Leadership and Administration

Irma Lema Llapa

Master of Science in Nursing in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Tenzin Pontsang

Doctorate Degrees

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Laura Ausmus

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:

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! Keep in touch and access your no-cost alumni benefits!



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Executive Committee

Renée Herzing, M.B.A.

University President

Nigel Longworth, M.S.

Chief Operations Officer and Chief Information Officer

Kitty Kautzer, ED.D.

Chief Academic Officer

Erik Parks, B.S.

Chief Operations Officer and Chief Financial Officer

Clay Gillespie, B.S.

Chief Marketing Officer

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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Herzing University, Tampa

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