

# HERZING UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT



**Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 2024, 7:00PM, CST**

Pontchartrain Convention & Civic Center

Kenner, LA

# Commencement Ceremony

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**Welcome &  
Introduction**

**Bill Cassidy**  
Campus President

**Student Speaker**

**Amber Hills**  
Bachelor of Science in Health  
Information Management

**Commencement  
Speaker**

**Dr. Shondra G. Williams**  
Chief Executive Officer &  
President, Jefferson Community  
Health Care Centers

**Conferring of  
Diplomas**

**Bill Cassidy**  
Campus President

**Hooding of Master  
& Doctoral Candidates**

**Dr. Sonia F. Clarke**  
Program Chair, Nursing

**Renée Herzing**  
University President

**Distinguished Alumni  
Introduction**

**Stephanie Hoppe**  
Alumni Relations Ambassador

**Alumni Pledge**

**Joe Johnson**  
Master of Business  
Administration, 2022

**Charge to Graduates &  
Closing Remarks**

**Renée Herzing**  
University President

~ Recessional ~

# Commencement Speaker



## **Dr. Shondra G. Williams**

Chief Executive Officer & President  
Jefferson Community Health Care Centers

Shondra G. Williams is a highly accomplished leader in healthcare, currently serving as the President and CEO of a nationally accredited organization since 2012. Under her stewardship, the organization has achieved remarkable growth, tripling its revenue to nearly \$40 million and expanding its infrastructure from two to eight locations. Dr. Williams has overseen \$12 million in capital expansions, including the recent construction of a state-of-the-art Early Child Care Center in 2023. Her commitment to accessible healthcare is evident in the establishment of two in-house pharmacies, enhancing affordability and quality for the community.

A proactive leader during the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Williams coordinated over 40 community-wide testing and vaccination events, showcasing her dedication to public health. Her leadership has garnered recognition, with the organization being named a Top Place to Work for four consecutive years (2021-2024) and her being honored as a Servant Woman Leader by Hancock Whitney in 2023. Additionally, she was recognized as one of CityBusiness' Women of the Year in 2022 and featured in prestigious publications such as Forbes, Fortune, and Entrepreneur in the same year.

Dr. Williams holds a Doctorate in Nursing from Southern University in Baton Rouge (2009) and a Master's Degree from Loyola University (2001). She is an alumna of the Women's Leadership Academy at Loyola and has participated in executive leadership programs at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and UCLA.

Active in community service, Dr. Williams is the Vice Chair of the Jefferson Community Foundation and is involved with the Jefferson Business Council and the New Orleans Regional Black Chamber of Commerce. She has served as Past President of the Louisiana Primary Care Association and currently presides over the Executive Committee of 504Healthnet. Her contributions to the field have been recognized with the Eric B. Taylor Leadership Award in 2019.

An active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. for over 30 years, Dr. Williams continues to champion leadership and service within her community and the healthcare sector.

# University President



**Renée Herzing**  
University President  
Herzing University

Renée succeeded her father, Henry Herzing, as president of the Herzing University System on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

## Student Speaker



### **Amber Hills**

Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management

Amber Hills is a dedicated Health Information Coder at the Louisiana Department of Health, where her passion for precision and detail shines through in her work. A recent graduate of Herzing University (2024) with a Bachelor's in Health Information Management, Amber balances her professional responsibilities with her role as a full-time student and small business owner.

She is also an active member of the Special Educational Advisory Committee of East Feliciana Parish, where she passionately advocates for her son and other students with disabilities within the school district.

Amber's commitment to excellence in her profession and advocacy work demonstrate her dedication to making a positive impact in both her professional and personal life.

## Alumni Speaker



### **Joe Johnson**

Lead Supervisor

Asurion

Master of Business Administration, 2022

A driven and accomplished graduate of Herzing University, Joe Johnson holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Management with a Concentration in Entrepreneurial Studies (2020) and a Master of Business Administration (2022). Currently, he excels as a Lead Supervisor at Asurion, leveraging his education and leadership skills to drive success.

Joe is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and New Orleans Legacy Association of Bands, where he supports young musicians. Continuing his commitment to Herzing, Joe is the Vice President of the Herzing University New Orleans Alumni Group. Joe's dedication to continuous learning and professional growth exemplifies the spirit of Herzing University.

# 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 Health and Human Services

Kayla Nixon  
Shermeka Parker

Donesha Ross  
Brijuan Wornner

### Diploma in Information Technology Technical Support

Randi Eames

### Diploma in Insurance Billing and Coding Specialist

Brianne Collins  
Angela Comeaux  
Veronica Crosby  
Sandra Davis-Gatlin

Blake Johnson  
Joshua Mayeaux  
Sakie Merrell

### Diploma in Medical Assisting

Shakira Ahmad  
Dannyla Atkins *h*  
Kiah Bergeron  
Raquan Boudreaux  
Sherricka Brock *h*  
Jacob Cadle *h*  
Amber Carr  
Latasha Dixon *h*  
Hailey Johnson  
Yvana Joseph *h*

Lashantie Lumar *h*  
Cherrelle Madison  
Miranda Meadows  
Joy Morgan  
Lakeisha Otkins  
Alexis Robinson  
Odeal Spears  
Delisha Thomas  
Diamond Thomas  
Richlyn Williams

# Diplomas

## Diploma in Medical Coding

Shanta Harper

## Diploma in Medical Office Administration

Alicia Johnson

Jah'Na Weaver

## Diploma in Sterile Processing

Terryion Adams *h*

Deyondria Eugene

Jiya Andrews

Shawn Goodman

Janiya Bailey

Summer Guity *h*

Jade Berry

Mariah Helton

Dneitra Bickham *h*

Jasmine Hilliard

Breanna Cephus

Kelsey Husser *h*

Brittany Davis

Shaterica Johnson

Constance Devere *h*

Sentell Lucas

Jamonica Dillon *h*

Tasheka Martin

## Diploma in Sterile Processing

Joliah McGee *h*

Laquana Sheppard

Patricia Mendoza

Ebony Stewart *h*

Farron Mumphrey

Paulette Thompson

Keshall Myles

Thelma Turner *h*

Amber Neil

Travis Warren

Maycee Perrie

Brianna Wilson

Raygan Pounds

Victoria Wiltz

Lakendra Primer

Daisy Zuniga *h*

Auburn Shelton

## Associate Degrees

### **Associate of Science in Business Management**

Teriza Coupel  
Aaliyah Richard

Shawn Russell *h*

### **Associate of Science in Criminal Justice**

Julian Andrews

Domeneck Nicole Westbey

### **Associate of Science in Health and Human Services**

Antasia Rhodes

### **Associate of Science in Health Information Management**

Carrie Holliday Dickerson *h*  
Iesha Holman

Natasha Spears  
YQuithia Voorhies

### **Associate of Science in Healthcare Administration**

Veronika Catacoly  
Makesha Franklin  
Vlena Gant *h*  
Chloe Huneycutt

KeAri Jackson  
Lyndsay Lockett  
Leola Sears  
Notasha Thornton

### **Associate of Science in Insurance Billing and Coding Specialist**

Raven Bibbins  
Anisa Brown *h*  
Jasmine Doyle *h*

Danielle Koster *h*  
Madeline Manning  
Kimberly Matthews

### **Associate of Science in Legal Studies**

Magen Koonce  
Charnell Osborne

Ruby Rios



## Associate Degrees

### Associate of Science in Medical Assisting Services

Megan Clement *h*

Chelsie Crawford

Moesha King

Jada Powell

Taquane Stigler

### Associate of Science in Medical Coding

Janisha Johnson

Dianne Miller *h*

### Associate of Science in Medical Office Administration

Katie Bordelon

Ronette Carter

Alexis Milligan *h*

Marlana Paige

### Associate of Science in Software Development

Ricardo Perrault *h*

### Associate of Science in Surgical Technology

Kayla Alexcee *h*

Melissa Alexcee

A'yanna Armand

Gabrielle Bardwell

Tiara Blue

Deonjal Bradley

Caitlyn Chabert *h*

Romia Chambers *h*

Asia Clines

Ashley Collins

Yatasha Daret

Angelle Dausat

Taiya Davis

Dominesha Dixon

Jada Dubique

Rita Gillett

Jasmine Green

Jema Harrilal

Dandrika Harvey

Mya Jackson *h*

Jawane Jenkins

Jarmesha Jenkins

Erica Johnson

Kyla Keller

Chaisma Keys

Madison Lewis

## Associate Degrees

### Associate of Science in Surgical Technology (Cont.)

Christian Lockarno *h*

Jamie Love

Kevbrian Martin

Myroneisha Miles

Karli Muhleisen

Kayla Pineda

Briel Quinn

Kortney Riddle *h*

Tyyunna Sylvas

Shannon Sylve

Kiyana Tate

Nicolette Tenedorio

Adruana Walker

Tiyahana Washington

Asia Williams

Deira Williams *h*

Courtney Williams

Tamara Williams

Kayla Wright

## Bachelor's Degrees

### **Bachelor of Science in Business Management**

Raymeice Fletcher

Theresa Wood

Hannah Gray

### **Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice**

Stephanie Calix

Christopher Roberts s

Darrelann Isaac

Destiny Simpson

Andre Lee

Cierra Trask

### **Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship**

Somalia Swing c

### **Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management**

Amber Hills

Elyouna LeDoux

### **Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences**

LaToya Bluford-McKnight

Quenisha Hookfin

Latonya Echevarria

Kiana Ridley

Kaina Henderson

### **Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration**

Juanita Antoine

Hannah Hutchinson Lee m

Lindsey Boutte

Nina Keiser s

Anita Brown

Latreisia March

Clairece Carter

Jamie Peak

Gione Greenhouse s

Katharine Poche c

Toshiba Howard c

Clarissa Rose c

## Bachelor's Degrees

### **Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration (Cont.)**

Kearston Sanders  
Samantha Scott  
Danamaria Thornton

Glenda Wade  
Jessica Westley

### **Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management**

Kira Borskey c

### **Bachelor of Science in Human Resources**

Amanda Rodrigue c

### **Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Professional Studies**

Leishone Hebert s

### **Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies**

Jana Brookin

Stephanie Rodriguez

### **Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

Tryshanne Barnes  
Precious Barnes  
Patience Bestman  
Alexis Brown c  
Passian Burton  
Amy Butler  
Khalilah Caldwell  
Tonyala Cannon  
Faith Dominic

Tiffany Doss  
Keira Dunkley  
Emely Garcia  
Tara Glover  
Morgan Holliday c  
Maya Horton c  
Olivia Houston  
Nykima Jones  
Grace Lemoine- Caveney s

## Bachelor's Degrees

### **Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Cont.)**

Taylor Lewis <i>c</i>	Angela Nolan
Allison Lindley <i>c</i>	Terrica Prophet
Stephanie Marquez <i>s</i>	Rebecca Richardson
Karla Marshall	Kayla Rosas
Brandy Martinez	Loreal Roussell
Jamila Mason <i>s</i>	Shiata Russell <i>c</i>
Kendra Milligan	Jessica Sliger
Gloria Minor	Hayle Stephen
Alyssa Moeinian <i>c</i>	Sydni Sumas
Faveron Moore	David Talbert <i>s</i>
Laci Murphy <i>m</i>	Cayla Vannor
Chad New	Natasha Williams

### **Bachelor of Science in Technology Management**

Lewis Gauthier *s*

## Master's Degrees

### Master of Business Administration

Eileen Bradley  
Minnie Grady  
Jarrell Green  
LaLane Malone

Buford Newsome Jr.  
Cari Shedd  
Shareda Stewart  
Theresa Wood

### Master of Science in Healthcare Administration

Jenise Clarks  
Brittany Grant  
Frances Hanagan  
Kieyonie June

Herbert Kettley  
Anaja Sorapuru  
Andrea Wells

### Master of Science in Nursing

Caitlyn Cashier

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

Joycelyn Brooks  
Terri Oberst

Lacey Osteen

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

Latoya Adams  
Amy Arthur  
Dana Bailey  
Dana Brown  
Shereka Ceazer  
Tanya Charles-Morris  
Chantell Devall  
Janea Dillon  
Anissa Disnuka

Jennifer Dufresne  
Taylor Durand  
Katelyn Fitzgerald  
Gloria Garcia  
Jacquelyn Gottardi  
Stephanie Haiko  
Jane Hartman  
Madison Jones  
Jessica Lazzara

## Master's Degrees

### **Master of Science in Nursing in Family Nurse Practitioner (Cont.)**

Amanda Lee	Krystal Rosette
Caitlyn LeJeune	Mechell Rossi
Kenya Lewis	Darneika Rudolph
Morgan Melder	Zeena Satar
Nicole Naccari	Patricia Schultz
Ephraim Njike	Lucienne Sims
Genisa Novshadian	Tiffany Smith
Jessica Parker	Ashanti Smothers
Khadijah Payton	Courtney Thayer
Joy Perez	Stephanie Wallace
Kambri Phillips	Jacquia Wells
Anpreet Randhawa	Sidney Wetzel
Natasha Romero	

### **Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Education**

Dana Sylvester

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

Kasey Carradine	Athena Greene
Denise Ceasar	Misty Whittington
Draneka Dabney	

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

Maxcy Afriyie	Evah Denis
Doneisha Atkinson	Asheley Denis
Shelley Blanda	Jane Elenwa
Tonya Capterville	Shaquita Ellis

## Master's Degrees

### **Master of Science in Nursing in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Cont.)**

Ginger Hanrahan	Ernell Refuge
Steven Jackson	Colbie Richardson
Kenya Jorden	Rina Shiella Saculles
Courtney Lavigne	Shady Taveras
Alyssa Mancuso	Sue Ann Taylor
Danielle Morgan	Marc Theodor
Blessing Nounba Londo	Lisa Vasquez

### **Master of Social Work**

Nequondra Caleb	Jasma Jones
Jakayla Caleb	Brenda Pitts
Karen Hannon	Erica Smith



**Post Master's Certificate**

**Post Masters Certificate in Adult  
Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner**

Clara Johnson

Brianne Lagasse

**Post Masters Certificate in Family Nurse Practitioner**

Antonesha Lewis

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

Brandee Bocage

Jessica Ezejimofor

Vincentoria Conley

Naydean Ruffin-Brisco

Jessica Doucette

Sarah Udor

Marquita Dumas

## Doctorate Degrees

### Doctor of Nursing Practice

Joan Cooper-Rainey

Latonya Darensbourg

Sherri Drake

Joy Fletcher Chairs

Ahsaki Scharpon

Amber Peters

Sylvia Sherman

Breiyon Smith

# 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

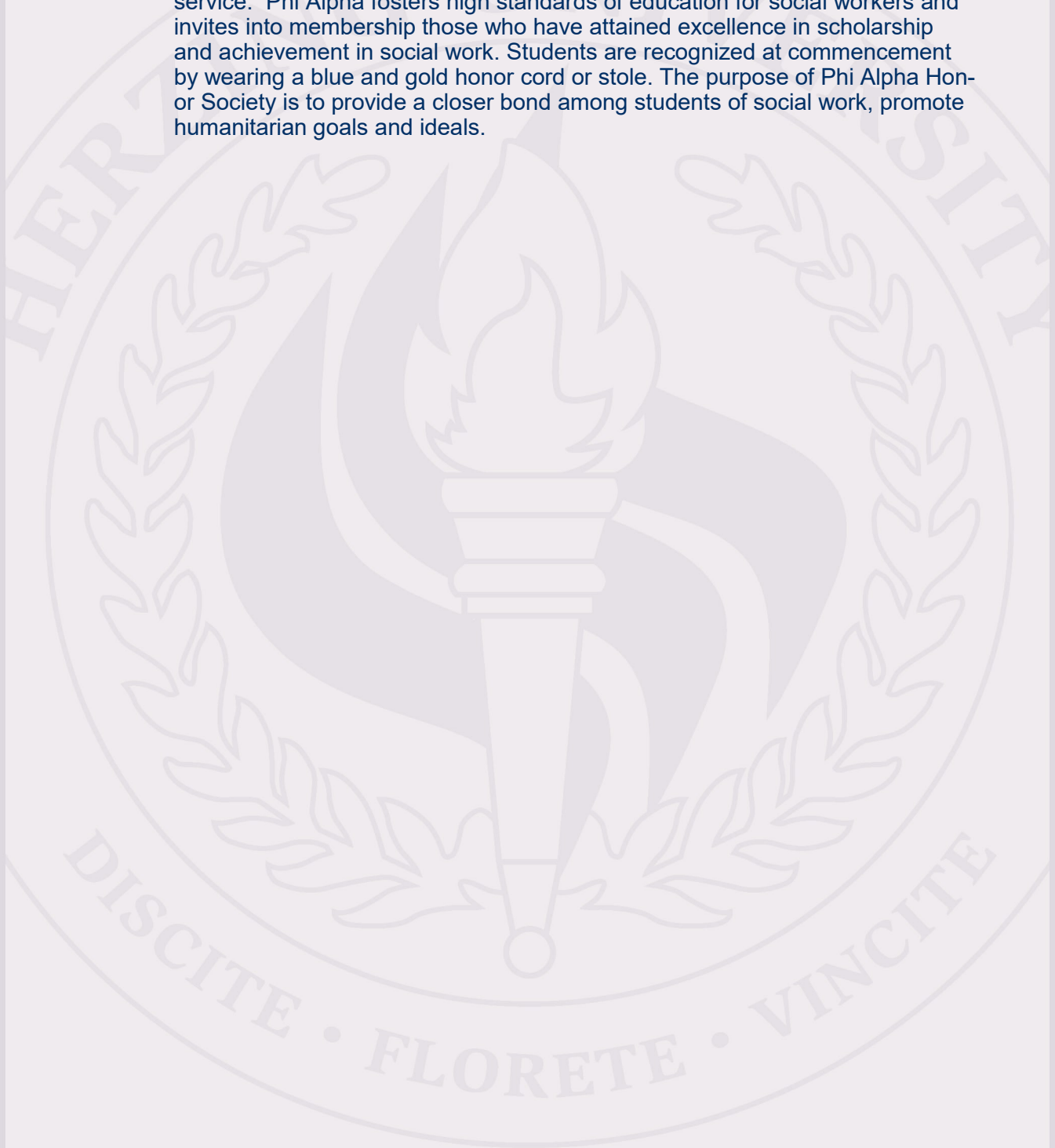
Induction into the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing is open to undergraduate nursing students who have completed one half of their nursing curriculum, achieved academic excellence demonstrated by a GPA of 3.0 and rank in the upper 35% of their class; membership is open to graduate 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.

# Key to Honors

## Phi Alpha International Honor Society - Social Work (PA)

ΦA = Phi Alpha International Honor Society

The highest honor one can receive in Social Work at Herzing University is membership in the Delta Kappa Sigma Chapter of Phi Alpha International Honor Society. Members must earn a 3.5 cumulative GPA, have completed at least one-third of the program, and have completed 10 hours of community service. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work. Students are recognized at commencement by wearing a blue and gold honor cord or stole. The purpose of Phi Alpha Honor Society is to provide a closer bond among students of social work, promote humanitarian goals and ideals.



# 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**

## **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**

Herzing University, Nashville

## **Wisconsin**

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Herzing University, Kenosha  
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