

HERZING UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT



Friday, January 24th 2025, 10:00 AM ET

John S. Knight Center

Akron, Ohio

Commencement Ceremony

~ Processional ~

**Welcome &
Introduction**

Bill Cassidy
Campus President

**Student of the Semester
Award**

Bailey Brandenburg
Diploma in Practical Nursing

**Commencement
Speaker**

Tristan Reed
Behavioral Health Prescriber,
Lifecare Family Health and
Dental Services

**Conferring of
Diplomas**

Stephanie Newman
Director of Campus Operations

**Hooding of Master
& Doctoral Candidates**

**Bill Cassidy and Stephanie
Newman**
Campus President and Director
of Campus Operations

**Distinguished Alumni
Award and Alumni Pledge**

Morgan Dodd
Associate of Applied Science in
Nursing, 2024

**Charge to Graduates
& Closing Remarks**

Bill Cassidy
Campus President

~ Recessional ~

Commencement Speaker



Tristan Reed, MSN, MHA, MBA, PMHNP-BC
Behavioral Health Prescriber
Lifecare Family Health and Dental Services

Tristan Reed is a passionate nursing professional dedicated to making a positive impact through her work in mental health and community service. A native of Akron, Ohio, Tristan now calls Canton home, where she balances a thriving career with her deep commitment to giving back. She holds dual bachelor's degrees in nursing and political science, a Master of Business Administration

(MBA) from Ashford University, a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) in Health Administration from South University, and a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) with a concentration in Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner from the University of Akron. Currently, she is completing her doctoral project at Kent State University, where her research focuses on analyzing the impact of patient-provider matching in outpatient community mental health, and its influence on retention, reduction of stigma, and therapeutic outcomes.

Tristan's career has been largely centered around mental health in various roles, including her work at the Summit County Health Department and as an instructor for local nursing schools. She is currently a Behavioral Health Prescriber at Lifecare Family Health and Dental Services in Massillon, where she treats patients across the lifespan, bringing her clinical expertise and compassionate care to the community.

Beyond her professional achievements, Tristan finds fulfillment in serving her community in various ways. She is an active member of her church's music ministry, where she enjoys playing bass guitar, and she treasures spending time with her husband and their 4-year-old son.

Colleagues and patients alike admire Tristan for her dedication, expertise, and unwavering commitment to mental health care. Whether she's working in clinical settings, mentoring the next generation of nurses, or contributing to her community, Tristan's approach is grounded in a desire to uplift others and make a lasting difference.

Student of the Semester



Bailey Brandenburg

Diploma in Practical Nursing, August 2024

Bailey Brandenburg currently works at Summa Health in Akron, Ohio, specializing in geriatric psychiatry. She finds it incredibly rewarding to help her patients succeed in their daily tasks, showcasing her patience and compassion. Bailey credits her success in the program to the unwavering support of her family, who encouraged her every step of the way. She plans to continue her impactful work with Summa Health after graduation.

Distinguished Alumnus



Morgan Dodd

Registered Nurse

Akron General

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing, 2024

Morgan Dodd is a proud mother of two and a compassionate Registered Nurse at Akron General, currently working in the Rapid Observation Unit. Her journey into healthcare began as a medical assistant, where she spent seven fulfilling years helping patients, but she always felt a calling to do more. Driven by a desire for greater autonomy and the ability to have a larger impact on patient care, Morgan made the life

-changing decision to pursue a nursing degree.

Balancing nursing school with motherhood was no easy task, but her children were her motivation through every challenging moment. She wanted to create a better life for them and show them the value of perseverance. Becoming a Registered Nurse has not only transformed Morgan's career but has also positively impacted her family's future. She now works in a dynamic, fast-paced environment, where she continues to grow and learn every day.

Morgan is deeply passionate about providing excellent care and making a real difference in the lives of her patients. She believes that hard work, determination, and a clear sense of purpose can overcome any obstacle, and she has no regrets about the path she chose. For Morgan, becoming an RN was the best decision she ever made, and she encourages others to pursue their dreams, no matter the challenges.

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 Bookkeeping and Payroll Accounting

Dominic King h

Diploma in Health and Human Services

Shanae Gills

Precyous Thomas

Marissa Slack

Diploma in Insurance Billing and Coding Specialist

Sura Ali

DeJah Moore

Olivia Davis

Edwinna Muhammad

Lakecha Haley

Brittney Schaffner

Katie Hall

Brittany Thomas

Mackenzee Haynes h

Barry Wolbert

Esther Jayapuram

Diploma in Medical Assisting

Shania Abu-Zebiba

Madison Grayem h

Kari Adams

Quinyada Hardiman h

Kristen Boggs h

Joseph Hatch h

Kylin Buck

Cheyenne Jones

Dawn Cardwell h

Tara Miller h

Kayleigh Drake h

Mary Nichole Mulvany h

Tia Fitzgibbon

Jewel Perkins

Stacy Gayer

Laura Rider

Diplomas

Diploma in Medical Assisting (Cont.)

Maegan Roof

London Wade Davis

Diploma in Medical Coding

Jessica Sanchez

Diploma in Medical Office Administration

Kristal Horn

Hailey Mays

Diploma in Practical Nursing

Zakeiya Bolar
Bailey Brandenburg h
Tavaisa Chester
Marqita Coleman
Brianna Gordon
Jamal Griffin
Kiera Jackson
Zecharial Kendricks

Kecia Lewis
Elizabeth Lopez Garcia
Shakiera Majette
Almond Moss
Anastasia Pollard
Briana Rini
Courtney Scattergood h

Diploma in Sterile Processing

Abbagail Criddle h
Elisabeth Del Monico h
Arin Fields
CorNae Holloway
Diamond Lewis h
Brittany Reed

Tamara Rollins h
Amonda Smart
Danitra Starks
Tatyana Tolbert h
Natassia Winfield

Associate Degrees

Associate of Science in Business Management

Bryianna Dill

Associate of Science in Criminal Justice

Laura Wallace

Associate of Science in General Studies Pre-Nursing

Kimberly Clinage

Chloe Soltis

Angel Lenzy

Associate of Science in Health and Human Services

Angel Winkler

Associate of Science in Health Information Management

Ashanti Feaster

Associate of Science in Healthcare Administration

Tangela Bell

Nichole Jackson-White

Alicia Brown

Sierra Sanders

Kimyhanian Hendon

Crystal Webb

Associate of Science in Insurance Billing and Coding Specialist

Brittney Carver

Emily Sapp h

Tiara Hardy

Tia Thomas h

Diamond Huang-Evans

Caitlin Turpin

Ashley Lorenzen

Associate Degrees

Associate of Science in Medical Assisting Services

Heaven Priest

Heather Woodard h

Associate of Science in Nursing

Kathleen Bailey

Caitlin Lombardi

Ashley Bell

Amanda Martinez h

Nathan Bonar

Bellissima Monteleone

Alyssa Broemsen

Theresa Nagy

Nathalie Clerveaux

Nakiyah Nelams

Saila Crawford

Jill OBrien h

Malasia Daniel h

Jodie Oden

Micaela Davis

Deborah Oguta

Bridget Di Geronimo

Katrina Potts

Tara Dugan

Kristen Rerko

Kristasia Dykes

Destinee Sanders

Christine Fattarini

Andrea Serena

Sherris Green

Gabriella Smith

Kara Groves

Amy Stanley h

ReAni Hartson

Ruth Stillings

Taylor Hernandez

Sakari Stull

Yamira Hill h

Constance Tenney

Antoinette Hodges

Lonnae Watkins

Katharina Krawick

Samantha Westfall

Rachel Kraynak

Associate of Science in Software Development

Robert Wyman

Bachelor's Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Ethan Bish

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

Jamie James

Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration

LaJoyce Hutton

Kristen Russell

Melanie Rivers Davis

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Professional Studies

Morgan Reighard

Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies

Tara Starr

Bachelor of Science in Marketing

Chauntel Brown

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Bethany Almeter

Brittany Johnson

Khalilah Caldwell c

Jeremy McFadden

Precious Crawford

Tina Oxendine

Leitia Easley

Victoria Taylor

Macey Hurst

Maria Ursulano

Dana Janeczek s

Sierra Walton s

Master's Degrees

Master of Business Administration

Priscilla Frimpong

Arianne Gabel

Daniel Thompson

Christian Varga

Master of Science in Healthcare Administration

Caralyn Leslie

Master of Science in Nursing

Dinelle Abeysinghe

Elizabeth Drenth

Kirsten Gardner

Victoria Harrell

Reginald Ibe

Zachary Langham-Karkellie

Kierra Lassiter

Shirleece McClain

Stephanie Paulson

Nicole Pearce

Lina Washington

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

Inetta Wilson

Master of Science in Nursing in Family Nurse Practitioner

Marcy Bauer

Alisha Brown

Kimberly Daniels

Taylor Day

Kenya Gaston

Nhung Hetrick

Anpreet Randhawa

Alisha Shankel

Kelly Sushchuk

Master's Degrees

Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Education

Sadie Brothers

Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Leadership and Administration

Shayla Thomas

Master of Science in Nursing in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Aisha Clipper

Ruth Morales

Raissa Dywou Kouede

Christina Serger

Danielle McClarty

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

Latia Wallace

Post Master's Certificate

Post Masters Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Kamra Huffman
Jennifer Huwer

Jashandeep Kaur

Doctorate Degrees

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Katherine Pittman

Laura Starks

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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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!



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Herzing University is an Institution of Higher Learning with Locations in the Following States

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