

HOUSTON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

HONORS CONVOCATION AWARDS

MAY 2023

On May 3 many of our students were honored and received awards at our 2023 Honors Convocation held in Dunham Theater. Honors Convocation is a tradition of Houston Christian University that is set apart for the HCU community and families to come together and celebrate the outstanding work of our students throughout the academic year. Award recipients are chosen among each college or department for their achievements and leadership according to each particular award.

Congratulations to all of our 2023 award recipients! We celebrate with each one of you!

PRESENTATION OF 2023 AWARDS

College/School/Department

Award Recipient

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT

Outstanding Student in Theology
Outstanding Student in Classics & Biblical Languages
Outstanding Student in Apologetics

Eric Mingle
Nicole Powers
Ryan Minner

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Outstanding Student in Visual Arts, BFA
Outstanding Student in Cinema Arts
Outstanding Student in Digital Media
Outstanding Student in Creative Writing
Outstanding Student in Music
Dr. Robert L. Bradley Outstanding English Major
Outstanding Spanish Major
Outstanding History Major
Outstanding Legal Studies Major
Outstanding Political Science Major
Taylor Collins Memorial Scholarship for Promising Young Men

Chloe Hudspeth
Miranda Zaebs
Edmi Salazar
Elliana Chandler
Andrew Vu
Catie Cheryl Wuensche and April Conner
Magaly Hernandez
Alan Duarte
Sophia Esquivel
Marisol Balderas
John P. Schellingerhout

SCHOOL OF NURSING & ALLIED HEALTH

Outstanding Nursing Student
Lillie Jolly Excellence Award
Outstanding Kinesiology Student

Chloe Berry
Maggie Carpenter
Zaena Alzahrawi

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Outstanding Student in Chemistry
Outstanding Student in Biology
Outstanding Student in Biochemistry-Molecular Biology
Outstanding Student in Computer Science
Outstanding Student in Electrical Engineering
Outstanding Student in Cyber Engineering
Outstanding Student in Mathematics

Xiaofan Cai
Keren Oliver
Jasie Williams-Roberts
Sharon Ajayi
Nathanael Alcorn
Jacob Buckles and Sean Horgan
Noah Hlavinka

ARCHIE W. DUNHAM COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Excellence in Accounting
Excellence in Finance
Excellence in General Business
Excellence in International Business
Excellence in Marketing
Excellence in Management

Vannia Vanessa Mendoza
Ben Dale Andrew Caton
Sam Hofman
Chloe Merecka
Kristen Kley Meyer
Brinkley Richardson

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Dr. Bill Borgers Outstanding Student in Education
Dr. Robert L Bradley Outstanding Student in Bilingual Education
Education Deans of Independent Colleges in Texas (EDICUT):
Clinical Teacher of the Year
Overall Outstanding Graduate Student in Education
Outstanding Student in Psychology

Brooke Koenig
Idalia Ramos
Haidy Gonzalez

David Ferguson
Cortney Shifferly and Esther N. Kizito

STUDENT SUCCESS AWARDS

TRIO Achiever Award
TRIO Award of Excellence
General Tutor of the Year
Writing Tutor of the Year
Summer Launch Mentor of the Year
Academic Coach of the Year
Supplemental Instruction Tutor of the Year

Valentina Gallego Silva
La'Shira Washington
Nazlee Hasan
Marisol Balderas
Seth Young
Amy Cotton
Nehemiah Huanaco

ATHLETIC AWARDS

Varsity Athlete Academic Award

Kylann Griffith

Michael Townsend

Jan Edds Female Athlete of the Year

Jasie Roberts

Elise Parel

Robbie Robertson Male Athlete of the Year

Brennan Young

Frances Curtis & Mildred Boone Spirit Award

Debora Burnett

Galdino Lucero Service Award

Clay Porter

STUDENT LIFE AWARDS

Dr. James W. Massey Male Intramural Athlete of the Year

Abraham Valdes

Dr. W. Lou Shields Female Intramural Athlete of the Year

Emily Banda

Intramural Team of the Year

Holy Chicken

Greek of the Year

Jenna Frigon

Greek Scholarship Award

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

Student Organization of the Year

American Red Cross at HCU

Peer Mentor of the Year

Megan Shaver

Commuter Assistant of the Year

Kayla Wilson

Christian Servant Leader Award

Kristen Kleymeyer

Resident Assistant of the Year

Jayla Carmouche and Josiah Carr

PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

Student Foundation

Davin Sanchez

Opal Goolsby Presidential Award for Teaching Excellence

Dr. Saul Trevino

The President's Award: Female

Immanuella Eyobio

Celeste Dunn

Arianna Jacobs

Ma de Jesus Jimenez

Kristen Kleymeyer

The President's Award: Male

George Thomas Vanzant

Christian Saldivar

Daylon Piper

Davin Sanchez

Mike Betancourt

Mr. and Miss HCU

Christian Saldivar and Immanuela Eyobio

2022-2023 PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED AWARDS

ARCHIE W. DUNHAM SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Delta Mu Delta

- Jennifer Janae Griffiths
- Josephine Tsai
- Dustin Hackler
- Alejandro Rueda
- Lindsay Harris
- Ana Clara Carvalho Moreno de Almeida
- Danika Nicole Etter
- Oyeyemi Akinremi
- Vickie Rechelle Anderson
- Jacob Arnold
- Kenesha Faye Black
- Stephanie Bryant
- Veronica Martinez Camarillo
- Nathaniel Quang Tran
- Jordan Elizabeth Jenkins
- Alejandro Lahoz-Trivino
- Jacqueline Mendez
- Lauren Denise Mondy
- Mariosnella Morles
- Alyssa Thanh Nguyen
- Justin Pacheco
- Ana Gabriela Penado
- Jessica Marie Rabius
- Nyla Marie Robinson
- Christian Saldivar
- Jennie Elizabeth Sutton
- Stephen Tahtouh
- Esther Cordova
- Loyda Cordova
- Paola Esmeralda Elias Rivas
- Matthew Macario Guerrero
- Heather Quisenberry Jacobs
- Zachary Ver Ferrer Villafuerte
- LaTresia Kiona Wilson
- Charles Wilson V
- Kayla Zepeda
- Cullen Spadachene
- Maria Emilia Colin Vazquez
- Jaqueline Valdez
- Chasity Kay Carreon

Greater Houston Business Ethics Roundtable: The Bette Stead Ethics Scholarship

- Katelyn Valeria

Accounting Education Foundation of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants: The Accounting Excellence Award

- Vannia Mendoza

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Welch Scholars 2022-2023

- Robert Brousseau
- Xiaofan Cai
- Abigail Conger
- Gabrielle Mbagwu
- Thao Nguyen
- Mariana Orozco Segovia
- Hayden Smith

Outstanding Chemistry Service Award

- Xiaofan Cai

Myers-Towery Award in Chemistry

- Noah Needle

Crawford and Hattie Jackson Foundation Scholarship 2022-2023

- John Fallows
- Saleim Kahleh
- David Kim
- De Li
- Crystal Sosa

Alpha Epsilon Delta

- Ainsley Brown
- Carlos de Carlos
- Madhavan Manoj
- Jackie Nguyen
- Kim Nguyen
- Renée Peters
- Andrea Soriano

TriBeta Biology Society

- Michael Attathikhun
- Mark Coggins
- Kaley Cromer
- Carlos de Carlos
- Emilio Garza
- Samirah Jackson
- Maria Puche
- Andrea Soriano

Texas Joint Admission Medical Program (JAMP) 2022

- Zarfisha Khan
- Saman Nekoobahr
- Minh Thong Nguyen
- Ranier Perez
- Angel Phillip
- Brian Quach

Grace Hopper Fellows 2022-2023

- Nathanael Alcorn
- Angel Beltran
- Ainsley Brown
- Eduardo Corazon
- Maden Edaugal
- Darius Gatson
- Jair Gregorio
- Yenny He Lin
- Noah Hlavinka
- Sean Horgan
- Nadine Ineza
- Anthony Karam
- Zachary Marshall
- Marissa Martinez
- Noah Needle
- Saman Nekoobahr
- Loren Nguyen
- Kenneth Pipas
- Ethan Schellingerhout
- Sydney Smith
- Jordan Smith
- Constantin Zod
- David Achimugu
- Skylar Brandt
- Joel Bray
- Alexander Brenham
- Jacob Buckles
- Raymond Venice Cagumbay
- Omar Castellon
- Brittney Cavazos
- Jose Celedon Flores
- Nilliah Chadwick-Muhammad
- Andrew Chica
- Eduvie Chinosa
- Emanuel Cintron
- Kenneth Coleman
- Jonathan Contreras
- Madison Coward
- Carlos de Carlos
- Izzaya Delgado
- Nam-Justin Dieu
- Crystal Dinh
- Justin Du-Le
- Michelle Edidiong
- Chinara fEdwards
- Parker Edwards
- Caleb Lochner
- Alondra Lopez Diaz
- Carmen Lopez-Alvarenga
- Ryan Martinez
- Noah Mathews
- Gabrielle Mbagwu
- James McClain
- Vance McGahee
- Alaina Meas
- Mariana Menchaca
- Joshua Metlock
- Sarah Molina
- Savion Moning
- Sean Moning
- Kimberly Montiel
- Aiden Montoya
- Stephen Mukuria
- Adrian Narvaez
- Xavier Ngo
- Ashley Nguyen
- Logan Nguyen
- Ralph Nino
- Ingrid Ochoa

Continuation Of Grace Hopper Fellows 2022-2023

- Bernard Adjei
- Charles Agha
- William Aguirre
- Olachi Ajawara
- Adebambo Aladeitan
- Sarah Alameddine
- Zahra Alavi Naini
- Abriahm Almazan
- Mosa Alsalih
- Nakysia Amaning
- Steve Angulo
- Gavin Armstrong
- Ailine Avila
- Adam Aziz
- Ryan Barnes
- Evan Barnes
- Haven Berry
- Malena Blanchard
- Daysi Bonilla Gomez
- Joshua Knight
- Jareth Koerner
- Krystal Lee
- De Li
- Patrick Little
- Makayla Vallian
- Caroline Vo
- Lavontay Walker
- Melahn Wallace
- Leonardo Yerena
- Chiedozie Ehileme
- Richard Farland
- Devon Fears
- Vajay Finley
- Elizabeth Fraga
- Ashley Garcia
- Brianna Garcia
- Rafael Alejandro Garcia Fernandez
- Laila Gillespie
- Jearim Gomez
- Adrian Gonzales
- Jorge Hernandez
- Jasmin Hernandez
- Eunice Hernandez Molina
- Charles Hoffmeister
- Johnny Hoy
- Ashley Huynh
- Anthony Huynh-Tu
- Lemonz Jefferson
- Lanard Johnson
- Sonaia Johnson
- Natasha Jones
- Johana Jose
- Joakim Kanaan
- Dawit Tewelde
- Cameron Townsend
- Aidan Trevino
- Micaela Tzul
- Paul Taylor
- Divine Odeh
- Samuel Ojo
- Mariana Orozco Segovia
- Josiah Osio
- Alfio Parisi
- Sandra Perez
- Ranier Perez
- Heilyn Perez
- Heylen Perez
- Ethan Pham
- Angel Phillip
- Kamila Pineda
- Alan Polacheril
- Sofia Quintero Andrade
- Aaishah Rahat
- Aaminah Rahat
- Benjamin Ramirez
- Olivia Riojas-Bellini
- Mason Robertson
- Blanca Rocha
- Angel Rubi
- Christopher Rwandekwe
- Daniel Samaroo
- Giovanni Santillan
- Jalen Saunders
- Nathaniel Smith
- Chloe Spiller
- Thomas Streets

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

12th Annual "A Piece of the Past" Museum Essay Contest 2022

- Grand Prize – Josiah Carr
- Grand Prize – Catie Wuensche

Southern History/ American Architecture and Decorative Arts

- 1st Place - Cameron Morvant
- 2nd Place - Abigail Jones

Dunham Bible Museum

- 1st Place – Alyssa Jemela
- 2nd Place – Justina Smith

Art Museums

- 1st Place– Jair Gregorio
- 2nd Place – Michael Alexander Johnican

Freshmen/HCU Academy

- 1st Place – Louis Palacios
- 2nd – Chandler Daniel

Danny Lee Lawrence Creative Writing Award – Poetry

- 1st Place – Lauryl Brogan
- Runner-up – Josiah Carr

Danny Lee Lawrence Creative Writing Award – Fiction

- 1st Place – Ella Ritter
- Runner-up – Christopher Hudson

National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS):

- 1st Place – Sarah Yeates

Greater Houston Chapter (NATS) Vocal Competition Classical:

- Finalists – Kynadi Law and Joshua Yeates
- Semifinalists – Elizabeth Lee and Julian Chavez

Rising Eyes of Texas Exhibition 2023 –MFA Studio Arts Award

- Allison Martin
- William Soller
- Dreanna Booker
- Brendan Flores
- Ashleigh Buchanan
- Constance Yowell

Giesey Award

- Brendan Flores

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

COEBS Service Awards

- Association of Student Educators - Bilingual Education Student Organization - Idalia Ramos

Outstanding Student Awards

- Outstanding Elementary Education Student - Brooke Koenig
- Outstanding Secondary Education Student – Alfonso Vazquez
- Outstanding All-Level Content Education Student – Aja Jones
- Outstanding Reading Specialist Student – Wendy Taboada
- Outstanding Education Administration Student - Grace Torres
- Outstanding Learning, Teaching & Design Student – Katherine Soto
- Outstanding Doctoral Student – Caroline Laifang

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT

Bice Scholarship

- Stephen Davies

Riverside Scholarship

- Kaylee Martinez
- Marc James
- Arnie Palyola

Zondervan Academic Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Study of Theology

- Daylon Piper

Zondervan Academic Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Study of Hebrew

- Steven Velez

Zondervan Academic Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Study of Greek

- Nicole Powers

STUDENT LIFE

Husky Revue 2023

- First Place: Esther Poulouse
- Second Place: Josiah Carr
- Third Place: Filipino Student Association
- People's Choice: Esther Poulouse

Homecoming Court 2022-23

- King: Christian Saldivar
- Queen: Jessie Jimenez
- Senior Prince: Thomas VanZant
- Senior Princess: Arianna Jacobs
- Junior Duke: Logan Anderson
- Junior Duchess: Melany Camarillo Ramirez
- Sophomore Count: Jeremy Rhone
- Sophomore Countess: Yennisse Sevilla
- Freshman Lord: Bradford Joseph
- Freshman Lady: Nora Iyogbon

Order of Omega Honor Society

- Yaqub Ajisefini
- Sarah Benitez-Mendoza
- Jayla Carmouche
- Tatyana Cloud
- Jenna Frigon
- J'La Harris
- Jocelyn Herring
- Jalyx Hunt
- Samirah Jackson
- Charlotte Perez
- Cassandra Curtis
- Keyana Archer
- Ana Garcia Hernandez
- Johnny Hoy

STUDENT FOUNDATION

2023-2024

- Sarah H. Alameddine
- Mark Coggins
- Sarah G. Molina
- Janet C. Okoroji
- Renee V. Peters
- Danae A. Pineda
- Dan Nemuel G. Returan
- Davin G. Sanchez
- Josephine A. Tsai
- Jareth R. Koerner

INITIATES OF OMICRON DELTA

2022-23 Members

- Sarah Yeates
- Shelby Nichole O'Neal
- Mariosnella J Morles Pachano
- Annick Ming Tankus
- Abigail Ritter
- Catie Wuensche
- Celeste Dunn
- Abigail Jones
- Anna Huynh
- Zaena Alzahrawi
- Kayla Zepeda
- Riley Martin
- Jasie Williams-Roberts
- Mark Coggins

ALPHA CHI NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

2023-2024 Inductees

- Sophie Huynh
- Anna Gadway
- Melly Flores
- Ethan Schellingerhout
- Anna Huynh
- Donessa O'Neal
- Malena Blanchard
- Timothy Smith
- Kurt Kauffman
- Christina Ramirez
- Jordan Lockett
- Nazlee Hasan
- Richard Bundy
- Alexis Ritterbush
- Cassie Curtis
- Brittany Pena
- Angel Phillip
- Sophia Ponce
- Noah Hlavinka
- Josiah Carr
- Paola Elias Rivas
- Kirsten Passmore
- Gaby Penado
- Erin Woodard
- Johana Jose
- Stacie Arguello
- Mary Matlock
- Justin Pacheco

PIPER PROFESSOR NOMINEES

2022-2023 Piper Professor Nominees

- Dr. Michael Kraten - Archie W. Dunham College of Business
- Dr. Phillip Marshall - School of Christian Thought
- Dr. Katie Alaniz - College of Education and Behavioral Sciences
- Dr. Matthew Boyleston - School of Fine Arts
- Dr. Emily Stelzer-School of Humanities
- Dr. Curtis Henderson-College of Science and Engineering
- Dr. Mark Gaus-School of Nursing and Allied Health

OPAL GOOLSBY PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

2022-23 Opal Goolsby Presidential Award Finalists (Student Nominated)

- Dunham College of Business – Dr. Gregg Keiffer
- College of Education & Behavioral Science – Dr. Joseph Pelletier
- College of Science & Engineering – Dr. Saul Trevino
- School of Christian Thought – Ms. Nancy Pearcey
- School of Fine Arts - Ms. Sarah Robbins
- School of Humanities – Dr. Lou Markos
- School of Nursing & Allied Health – Dr. Mark Gaus