



## Honors Convocation Awards

APRIL 2026

*On April 29 many of our students were honored and received awards at our traditional Honors Convocation held in Dunham Theater. Honors Convocation is a tradition that is set apart for the HCU community and families to come together and celebrate the outstanding work of our students throughout the year. Award recipients are chosen from each college or department for their achievements and leadership according to each particular award.*

*Congratulations to all of our 2026 award recipients! We celebrate with each one of you!*

### Presentation of 2026 Awards

#### **SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT**

Award	Recipient
Outstanding Student in Theology	Maggie Post
Outstanding Student in Classics & Biblical Languages	Daniel Dicken
Outstanding Student in Apologetics	Ulises Baltazar

#### **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

Award	Recipient
Outstanding Student in the Visual Arts	Emily Ramirez-Garza
Outstanding Student in Cinematic Arts	Bryce Smink
Outstanding Student in Digital Media	Ashley Riggins
Outstanding Student in Creative Writing	Marion Becker
Outstanding Student in Music	Valeria Rojas



Award	Recipient
Dr. Robert L. Bradley Outstanding English Major	Hannah Scholten
Outstanding Spanish Major	Nayeli Mariela Chevez
Outstanding History Major	Rebecca Wener
Outstanding Legal Studies Major	Lindsey Balbisi
Outstanding Political Science Major	Brookyn Lacy
Taylor Collins Memorial Scholarship	Anthony Guadalupe Buerrostro

### ***LINDA DUNHAM SCHOOL OF NURSING***

Award	Recipient
Outstanding BSN Student	Ryanne A. Martz Lilianne Nguyen
Outstanding MSN Student	Carlos Lerma Mata
Lilly Jolly Excellence Award	Gabriela M. Axelrod
Outstanding Kinesiology Student	Noelle-Marie M. Barber; Alexia Murillo
Halcie Wethington Scholar	Ava M. Wade

### ***COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & ENGINEERING***

Award	Recipient
Outstanding Student in Biology	Sophia Andrade
Outstanding Student in Biochemistry/Molecular Biology	Caroline Vo
Outstanding Student in Cybersecurity	Sean Moning



Award	Recipient
Outstanding Student in Information Systems	Makenzie Moore
Outstanding Student in Computer Science	Jonathan Contreras
Outstanding Student in Electrical Engineering	Divine Odeh
Outstanding Student in Cyber Engineering	Taurean Muhammad
Outstanding Student in Chemistry	Khang Quach

### ***ARCHIE W. DUNHAM COLLEGE OF BUSINESS***

Award	Recipient
Excellence in Accounting	Jade Angelle Mueck
Excellence in Finance	Esther Abigail Mazariegos
Excellence in Business Administration	Andi Soliman
Excellence in Marketing	Kimberly Garcia
Excellence in Management	Ruth Margoth Ortega Vasquez

### ***COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES***

Award	Recipient
Dr. Bill Borgers Outstanding Student in Education	Karina Santiago
Dr. Robert L. Bradley Outstanding Student in Bilingual Education	Stephanie Romero
Education Deans of Independent Colleges in Texas (EDICUT): Clinical Teacher of the Year	Cassandra Gibbons



Award	Recipient
Overall Outstanding Graduate Student in Education	Amanda Beshears
Overall Outstanding Graduate Student in Psychology	Bria White
Overall Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Psychology	Veronica Barsoum
Overall Outstanding Doctoral Student	Amanda Archer

### ***TRIO & STUDENT SUCCESS***

Award	Recipient
TRIO Achiever Award	Jennifer Martin
TRIO Award of Excellence	Leslie Abila
Outstanding Tutor	Salma Guerrero Breana Herrera Michael Menchu
Outstanding Academic Coach	Ta'Kaira Randolph Adelyn Prasifka
Outstanding Supplemental Instructor	Joshua Rajesh
Outstanding Tutoring Desk Worker	Marcus Moore
Commuter Assistant of the Year	Jacquelynn Romero

### ***ACADEMIC SUPPORT & RESOURCES***

Award	Recipient
Moody Library Student Leadership Award	Angela Lumbreras



Award	Recipient
	Jessica Quintero Ta'Kaira Randolph
Outstanding Writing Tutor Award	Marissa Diaz
Outstanding FYS Peer Mentor	Zachary Argomido Giauna Olguin

### ***ATHLETIC AWARDS***

Award	Recipient
Varsity Athlete Academic Award	Brianna Hinds Nico Kross
Jan Edds Female Athlete of the Year	Olivia Rossman
Robbie Robertson Male Athlete of the Year	Alex Aitken
Frances Curtis & Mildred Boone Spirit Award	Aaron Diehl
Galdino Lucero Service Award	Abigal Inocian

### ***STUDENT LIFE AWARDS***

Award	Recipient
Dr. James W. Massey Male Intramural Athlete of the Year	Eli Morgan
Dr. W. Lou Shields Female Intramural Athlete of the Year	Lillian Reynolds
Intramural Team of the Year	Kindgom Set



Award	Recipient
Greek of the Year	Immanuel Burress
Student Organization of the Year	The Ladies of Phi Mu
Christian Servant Leader Award	Maggie Post Isaiah Bulman Lilly Cruz Cliff Bradley
Residence Life Dedicated Service Award	Gracie Wallace Sean Moning Sean Carmouche Munachi Nzeocha Lily Reynolds Karina Alvarez Puac

### **PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS**

Award	Recipient
Student Foundation	Coral Almazan Karina Alvarez Westley Craig Nora Iyogbon Deleyni Perez Virginia Rui
Opal Goolsby Presidential Award for Teaching Excellence	Dr. Lisa Ellis
The President's Award: Female	Brianna Hinds Katie Romero Danyella Dunn Lillian Reynolds Maggie Post



Award	Recipient
The President's Award: Male	Wesley Craig Jonathan Bruce Eli Morgan Ronald Hill Nathaniel Fick
Mr. and Miss HCU	Immanuel Burress Esther Mazariegos



## 2025-2026 Previously Announced Awards

### *Archie W. Dunham School of Business*

Award / Category	Recipient(s)		
Delta Mu Delta			
Ahannon, Faith	Badger, Bo	Bakinson, Oladipupo	Byrd, Raina
Cannon, Verna	Carrington, Ashley	Dawson, Chelsea	Ferreira Moreira,
Gomez, Glendy	Gomo, Thembeni	Gutierrez, Lyana	Thaina
Hussain, Ishfaq	Kramer, Gie Ann	Kröss, Nico	Herrera, Breana
Mayes, Esparinza	Mendez, Ashley	Miles, Leanne	Maroney, Thomas
Murekatete, Emerance	Ndegwa, Kevin	Parada, Genesis	Morales, Celestine
Pombolo, Paula	Savage, Haylie	Sowande, Temitope	Pickens, Alicia
Woodard, Erin			Soumanou, Jihanath

Greater Houston Business Ethics Roundtable Award: The Bette Stead Ethics Scholarship	Raquel Gomez Temitope Sowande
Accounting Excellence Award from the Education Foundation of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants	Sarel Johannes Lodewikus Marais
Financial Executives International (FEI) Scholarship 2026	Hannah Kahleh

### *College of Science and Engineering*

Award / Category	Recipient(s)
Welch Scholars	Abigail Fick Leya Khoury



Award / Category	Recipient(s)
	Eduardo Lopez Quintero Huang Caleb Yuan
Service to the College of Science and Engineering	Gertrudes Monitor
Service to the Department of Biology	Martin Navarro Ballagan
Service to the Department of Chemistry	Nijad Gereige
Service to the Department of Physics	Isaac Algeria Abigail Dabney Pablo Garcia Livia Kuepker Carina Rojas
Crawford and Hattie Jackson Foundation Scholarship 2025-2026	Isaac Aligbe Abigail Garray Noah Hlavinka Avia Kueper Carina Rojas
Alpha Epsilon Delta Health Preprofessional Honor Society	Manuela Kemarri Mafoeche Alya Karam Maxx Moore Martin Navarro Ballagan Ivan Perez Colin Posadas Hannah Starkey
Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society	Stephanie Balingit Andrew Castro Jonathan Castro Josua Egesi Talia Khan Erik Kupper Jessica Marker David Morales Loren Nguyen Sydney Ojo Ivan Perez



Award / Category	Recipient(s)
	Carla Prim Colin Posadas Ally Rubio My Van Tong
Texas Joint Admission Medical Program (JAMP) 2025-2026	Hope fellows: Adhitya Bhaskar Majekoluwalayo David Max Esquivel Makenzie Moore Loren Nguyen Welsley Pared Chloe Skinkelthorp Andre Sotelo

### *College of Arts and Humanities*

Award / Category	Recipient(s)
12th Annual "A Piece of the Past" Museum Essay Contest	Grand Prize – Marissa Diaz
Southern History / American Architecture and Decorative Arts	1st Place – Scarlett Sisk 2nd Place – Ella-Cate Ritter
Dunham Bible Museum	1st Place – Nico Kross 2nd Place – Valeriia Zarytska
Art Museums	1st Place – Alexandra Rodriguez 2nd Place – Emma Granderson
Freshmen / HCU Academy	1st Place – Christopher Hernandez 2nd Place – Genevieve Hamman
Danny Lee Lawrence Creative Writing Award - Poetry	Winner - Lorelei Tidwell Runner Up - Yuhuan Hu



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Danny Lee Lawrence Creative Writing Award - Fiction	Winner - Jacob Bedar Runner Up - Layla Wallace
National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS): Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico Region - Greater Houston Chapter Vocal Competition	Semi-Finalist – Nicholas Pappas Semi-Finalist – Caitlyn Pratt
Rising Eyes of Texas Juried Exhibition 2025 - MFA Studio Arts Award	Laura Cano Haley Harvey - Curators Choice Award Jillian Hill Chloe Hudspeth Katrina Huffer Brittanie Kirel Risha Walters Lucia Sood Haylee Wunsche

### *College of Education and Behavioral Sciences*

Award / Category	Recipient(s)
COEBS Service Awards	Association of Student Educators - Stephanie Romero Psi Chi - Ashley Gallardo Sabrina Lara Ashley Williford
Outstanding Student Awards	Outstanding Elementary Education Student - Rodolfo Flores Outstanding Secondary Education Student - Julia Perez Outstanding All-Level Content Education Student - Adriana Andrade Outstanding Learning, Teaching & Design Student - Damaris Young
Outstanding Doctoral Student(s)	Brittanny Shields Lauren McKinney Petrika Pinero
Outstanding Graduate Psychology Student	Vanessa Escoba



Award / Category	Recipient(s)
Outstanding UG Psychology Student(s)	James Martin Kelsi Wilson



### *School of Christian Thought*

<b>Award / Category</b>	<b>Recipient(s)</b>
Zondervan Academic Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Study of Theology	Olivia Bull
Zondervan Academic Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Study of Biblical Studies	Madeline Howard
Zondervan Academic Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Study of Hebrew	Caleb Meisner
Zondervan Academic Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Study of Greek	Judith Withers

### *Student Life*

<b>Award / Category</b>	<b>Recipient(s)</b>
Husky Revue Winners 2026	First Place - Chick and the Hicks - Robert Gosling, Daniel Jacob, Tucker Crawley, Eli Roper, and Taylor Harrison Second - Christian Olowookere Third - Alexandria Chung People's Choice - Jaedyn Kirvin
Homecoming Court 2025-2026	Freshman Lord - Jesse Lee Crawley Freshman Lady - Raquel Chavez Sophomore Count - Daniel Jacobs Sophomore Countess - Andrea Ramos Junior Duke - Colton Egly Junior Duchess - Yareli Gordillo Homecoming Prince - Eduardo Lopez Quintero Homecoming Princess - Treasure Fadimiroye Homecoming King - Jonathan Bruce Homecoming Queen - Emelie Richardson
Order of Omega Honor Society	Leslie Abila Eleanor Acreman



Award / Category	Recipient(s)
	Immanuel Burress Claire Cavasos Giavanna Olson Delaynee Puente Nayvia Shaffer

***Student Foundation***

Award / Category	Recipient(s)
2026-2027 Members	David Adebiyi Robert Coggins Sully Colburn Daniel Jacob Caroline Killinger Saniya Reynolds Nayeli Servin Liana Thomas Alyssa Tristan

***Initiates of Omicron Delta Kappa 2025***

Award / Category	Recipient(s)
2025 Members	Robert Scott Coggins Wesley Stone Craig Jacqueline Nguyen

***Alpha Chi National Honor Society***

Award / Category	Recipient(s)



Award / Category	Recipient(s)
2025-2026 Inductees to the Alpha Chi Honor Society	_____
Members	_____

***Piper Professor Nominees***

Award / Category	Recipient(s)
2025-2026 Piper Professor Nominees	Archie W. Dunham College of Business - Kenneth Bandy College of Education and Behavioral Sciences - Amanda Ford School of Fine Arts - Chris Hartwell School of Humanities - College of Science and Engineering - Ira Hockob School of Nursing and Allied Health - School of Christian Thought - Randy Hatchett

***Opal Goolsby Presidential Award for Teaching Excellence***

Award / Category	Recipient(s)
2025-2026 Opal Goolsby Presidential Award for Teaching Excellence (Student Nominated)	Archie W. Dunham College of Business - Dr. Chen Zhao College of Education & Behavioral Science - Dr. Mary E. White College of Science & Engineering - Dr. Lisa Ellis School of Christian Thought - Dr. Austin M. Freeman College of Arts & Humanities - Dr. Kevin L. Wilkinson Jr. Linda Dunham School of Nursing and Allied Health - Dr. Jazmine C. Highsmith-Calhoun

***Mayfield Outstanding Staff Award***

Award / Category	Recipient(s)



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2025-2026 Mayfield Outstanding Staff Award Finalists	Female - Male -