



## 2026 Hawk Excellence Awards Nominations

### Individual Awards

#### Talon Achievement Award

*Edgar Alanis*  
*Eden Harness*  
*Alisha Waheed*  
*Sunny Rodrigues*  
*Abigale Chavez*  
*Hasan Qamar*  
*Kimberly Lara*  
*Sonal Sawant*

#### Emerging Leader Award

*Alexander Villarraga*  
*Alisha Waheed*  
*Edgar Alanis*  
*Hasan Qamar*  
*Joshua Dykstra*  
*Kenya Johnson*  
*Mercedes Matzar*  
*Sonal Sawant*  
*Pooja Melnychenko*  
*Thalia Villalva*

#### Innovation in Leadership Award

*Adan Bueno*  
*Alisha Waheed*  
*Arisha Waheed*  
*Edgar Alanis*  
*Gareth Martinez*  
*Harish Muthyala*  
*Hasan Qamar*  
*Luis Castaneda*  
*Marlene Camacho Bustos*  
*Mercedes Matzar*

#### Distinguished Leadership Award

*Abigale Chavez*  
*Alexander Villarraga*  
*Alisha Waheed*  
*Edgar Alanis*  
*Hasan Qamar*  
*Kimberly Lara*  
*Pooja Melnychenko*  
*Sonal Sawant*

*Michelle Cepeda*  
*Sonal Sawant*  
*Thalia Villalva*

**Student Organization  
Executive Leader of  
the Year**

*Adan Bueno*  
*Aiman Fatima*  
*Alisha Waheed*  
*Arisha Waheed*  
*Edgar Alanis*  
*Eric Irving*  
*Hasan Qamar*  
*Luis Castaneda*  
*Mercedes Matzar*  
*Michelle Cepeda*  
*Samuel Adebisi*  
*Sebastian John*  
*Shirley Alexander*  
*Sonal Vijay Sawant*  
*Tahreem Fatima*

**Campus Spirit Award**

*Adan Bueno*  
*Alisha Waheed*  
*Arisha Waheed*  
*Edgar Alanis*  
*Hasan Qamar*  
*Marlene Camacho  
Bustos*  
*Michelle Cepeda*  
*Pooja Melnychenko*  
*Tahreem Fatima*  
*Thalia Villalva*

**Advisor of the Year**

*Angela Kelling*  
*Anne Marcoline*  
*Calvin Nguyen*  
*David Losoya*  
*Jennifer McNaspy*  
*Lupita Hernandez*

**Campus Collaborator**

*Marguerite "Maggie"  
Alix – Veteran and  
Military Resource  
Center*  
*Michael Quiballo –  
Chartwells*  
*Mary Shelley –  
Campus Recreation  
and Wellness Center*  
*Jaylee Russell –  
Orientation and New  
Student Programs*

## Organization Awards

### **Student Organization of the Year**

*American Dental Society*

*American Marketing Association at University of Houston - Clear Lake*

*Association of Software and Computing Integration*

*Board Game Association*

*Dodgeball Club at UHCL*

*Psychology Club*

*Running Hawks Run Club*

### **Hawk Sponsored Organization of the Year**

*Campus Activities Board*

*Student Government Association*

### **New Student Organization of the Year**

*Association of Software and Computing Integration*

*Running Hawks Run Club*

### **Collaboration Award**

*American Dental Society*

*American Marketing Association at University of Houston - Clear Lake*

*Board Game Association*

*Dodgeball Club at UHCL*

*Psychology Club*

*Running Hawks Run Club*

*Volleyball Club at UHCL*

### **Impact Award**

*American Dental Society*

*American Marketing Association at University of Houston - Clear Lake*

*Board Game Association*

*Dodgeball Club at UHCL*

*Psychology Club*

*Running Hawks Run Club*

### **Community Engagement Award**

*American Dental Society*

*Board Game Association*

*Dodgeball Club at UHCL*

*Psychology Club*

*Running Hawks Run Club*

**Excellence in Member  
Development Award**

*American Dental  
Society*

*American Marketing  
Association at  
University of Houston -  
Clear Lake*

*Board Game  
Association*

*Dodgeball Club at  
UHCL*

*Psychology Club*

*Running Hawks Run  
Club*

*Volleyball Club at UHCL*

**Outstanding Student  
Organization Event**

*American Dental  
Society*

*American Marketing  
Association at  
University of Houston -  
Clear Lake*

*Board Game  
Association*

*Dodgeball Club at  
UHCL*

*Psychology Club*

*Running Hawks Run  
Club*