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### **Acosta Top Howard College Student**

Frank Acosta received the highest honor at Tuesday evening's Howard College Awards Convocation. Acosta, a sophomore psychology major at HC, was named recipient of the Presidential Award, given to the college's outstanding student of the year.

More than 200 college students were honored for their collegiate accomplishments during the convocation, held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Acosta compiled a hefty resume during his time at Howard. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society — currently serving as the local chapter's president — and the National Scholars Honors Society. In addition, he has been named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Community Colleges."

Acosta compiled a 4.0 grade point average during his two years at Howard, was named to the President's List as well as being honored as an outstanding student in history and math.



*Frank Acosta, center, is congratulated by friends and family members after being named recipient of the Presidential Award at the Howard College Awards Convocation Tuesday evening at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. (HERALD photo/Steve Reagan)*

After graduation, he plans to attend the University of Texas-Permian Basin with the ultimate goal of obtaining a doctorate in clinical psychology at Texas A&M University.

Other persons receiving special recognition at Tuesday's convocation included:

- John Fisher, associate professor of criminal justice, who was named Outstanding Educator of the Year.
- Sophomores Tisha McCartney and Nick Ross, who were named to the All-USA Academic Team.
- Jason Flores and Amanda George, recipients of the American Legion Award, given to students who have shown outstanding leadership, character and citizenship qualities during their time at the college.
- Nathan Leamons, named Outstanding Workforce Training student of the year.

-Steve Reagan