

CLASS OF 2020 ACADEMIC HONOREES:

College of Psychology & Counseling



Paige Daniels (*Human Development*) *GPA: 3.94, Summa* - "I had the pleasure of being Paige's Academic Coach towards the end of her program and am in awe of her determination and commitment to completing her degree with excellence. She is a young and bright student and I cannot wait to see where her journey leads her as she serves the world for Christ." - Denise Castillo, Academic Coach



Mikayla (Cynthia) Suarez (*Psychology) GPA: 3.68, Cum/Pi Beta Sigma* – "Mikayla is a quiet force for excellence. During her years at HIU, she has faithfully completed her coursework at a very high level, demonstrating care and critical thought about the subject at hand. She has not merely taken in information or completed assignments, but has developed a deep sense of commitment to her own growth and to bettering the world around her. She has done all this difficult work with maturity and a quiet self-possession. It has been my privilege to learn from her, and to share in her journey. As she prepares for graduate training, I gleefully anticipate the reaction of her future professors, colleagues and all those she will meet and impact along the way. Like me, they will be glad and grateful once they realize what a richly thoughtful and deeply formed person they have the privilege to know when they meet Mikayla. I expect and hope that, after graduation, she will continue to challenge herself and to use her great abilities to serve others." – Dr. Denise Wallace, Ph.D, Associate Professor of Psychology and Counseling



Ellie Turner (*Psychology*) *GPA: 3.79, Magna/Pi Beta Sigma* – "Ellie is a good student but, like many honors students, she brings more to her education than her coursework alone demonstrates. Ellie has sought God in her education, wrestling with her course material and the world around her such that she would be ever more obedient to the Spirit's direction. This approach has required depth and immediacy, and she has allowed her time at Hope to grow her as a person, scholar, and someday professional. She brings her unique style and enthusiasm to the classroom and to her peers and professors, and is a joy to know. She has been generous with fellow students on campus, serving in leadership capacities that require her to reach out to others, welcome them in, and to provide comfort and connection. As she prepared to move into a profession in Education, I am confident that she will bring a caring thoughtfulness to her work with young people that will allow them to grow and learn in a lasting and life-altering way." – Dr. Denise Wallace, Ph.D, Associate Professor of Psychology and Counseling