



Hornet Success Academy Principal Report - 10/07/2025

Great things have been happening at HSA!

- We have 15 students scheduled to graduate on Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in the PAC. 8 students were STAAR complete and 2 students completed IGCs to graduate:
 - **Katy Bonilla** –
 - 4th year senior; STAAR EOC complete. Katy has plans to further her education by attending college and majoring in Business. CCMR: Criminal Justice Certificate.
 - **James Copenhaver** –
 - 4th year senior; STAAR EOC complete. CCMR: Social Media Marketing Certificate.
 - **C.J. Draper** –
 - 4th year senior; 1 IGC Eligible (English II, U.S. History). C.J. is committed to join the military and to play football at a post-secondary institution. CCMR: Culinary.
 - **Kyderick Fuller** –
 - 5th year senior; EOC Complete. CCMR Point: Social Media Marketing Certificate. Kyderick plans to commit to the military and to get a Computer Tech. certificate.
 - **Jayda Harrell** –
 - 4th year senior/parent; 1 IGC Eligible (English II, U.S. History). CCMR Point: Social Media Marketing. Jayda plans to take a year off to raise her daughter and then go to school for nursing.
 - **Hope Jepngetich** –
 - 4th year senior; Passed 3 EOC tests & 2 IGCs (Algebra, U.S. History). CCMR Point: Social Media Marketing. Hope has been accepted to Lone Star and plans to become a registered nurse.
 - **Carter Kenter**
 - 5th year senior; Passed 4 EOC tests & 1 IGC (English II). CCMR: Social Media Marketing Certificate. Carter currently works with his father and grandfather full time. He plans to take over his father's company after graduation.



- o **Yurem Maldonado-**
 - 4th year senior; Passed 4 EOC tests & 1 IGC (English II). CCMR: Refrigeration. Yurem plans to go to college after he graduates.
- o **Kyle Marler-**
 - 4th year senior; Passed 4 EOC tests & 1 IGC projects (Algebra, English I). CCMR: Social Media Marketing Certificate. Student has committed to join the Marines.
- o **Alexia Morris-**
 - 4th year senior; Passed 4 EOC tests & 1 IGC projects (Algebra I). CCMR: Social Media Marketing Certificate. Alexia has committed to going to college.
- o **Tyler Penick-**
 - 4th year senior; Passed 4 EOC tests & 1 IGC projects (English II). CCMR: Automotive and Welding Certificates. Tyler plans to continue his work with automotives and work with his father.
- o **Grant Phillips-**
 - 4th year senior; EOC complete. CCMR: Welding Certificate. Grant has committed to going to Tulsa Welding School to further his welding career.
- o **Leslie Rivera-**
 - 6th year senior/parent; EOC Complete. CCMR: Social Media Marketing Certificate. Leslie has committed to going to school for business. She is currently a parent, full-time wage earner and earned her insurance license while in HSA.
- o **Jose Rodriguez-**
 - 5th year senior; EOC Complete (ARD). CCMR: Social Media Marketing Certificate. Jose is going into landscaping.

HSA enrollment & Edgenuity Progress:

Students have completed 200 semester courses in the first nine weeks of school. The average overall grade of these completed courses is 87%.

We currently have 53 students enrolled in HSA. 30+ students are still on the waiting list.

What is new at HSA?

- In August, HSA discontinued its partnership with the SER Jobs organization and is now collaborating with the Workforce Center in Walker County. The goal of this collaboration is to provide HSA students with internships and post-secondary career/college opportunities.



- HSA has again collaborated with many of our community partners to receive generous donations in the form of snacks and gift cards for our HSA's incentive program.
- HSA has again partnered with the SHSU Sociology Department, Dr. Adana Alexander for the spring semester. Dr. Alexander's students will mentor HSA students on goal setting, alcohol/substance abuse awareness, mental health & other health-care related issues that prevent our students from thriving after graduating from high school.

HSA COMMUNICATION:

- Our HSA *Students of the Month* are Carter Kenter & Hope Jephnetich.
- Our HSA *October Teacher of the Month* is Mr. Cody Warren, HSA ELA teacher.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct. 8th : HSA Team Meeting/SHSU Student Mentors @ HSA Vision Boards & Goal Setting

Oct. 13th: Student/Staff Columbus Day Holiday

Oct. 14th: HSA Professional Development Day

Oct. 15th : *Sam Houston State Adulthood 101 Session 3*: Having a healthy mind prepared for success

Oct. 16th : HHS Faculty Meeting/Board Meeting

Oct. 20-24th: Red Ribbon Week "Be kind to your mind & Be Drug Free!"

Oct. 21st : Workforce Solutions Job Information Session 9:00 a.m. / District Leadership

Oct. 31st : Hamburger celebration for Teacher/Students of the Month & October Birthdays

Nov. 5th: *Sam Houston State Adulthood 101 Session 4: Preparing for Job & Post Secondary Success*

Nov. 13th: *HSA Senior Picture Day*

Nov. 20th: Staff/Student Thanksgiving Boxes & HSA Graduation 2:00 p.m. in the PAC.

Nov. 21st : SHSU Campus Visit (A.M Session)

HSA *Thanksgiving Celebration* (students, staff and Sam volunteers)

Air Force Visit

Nov 25-29th: *Thanksgiving Break*

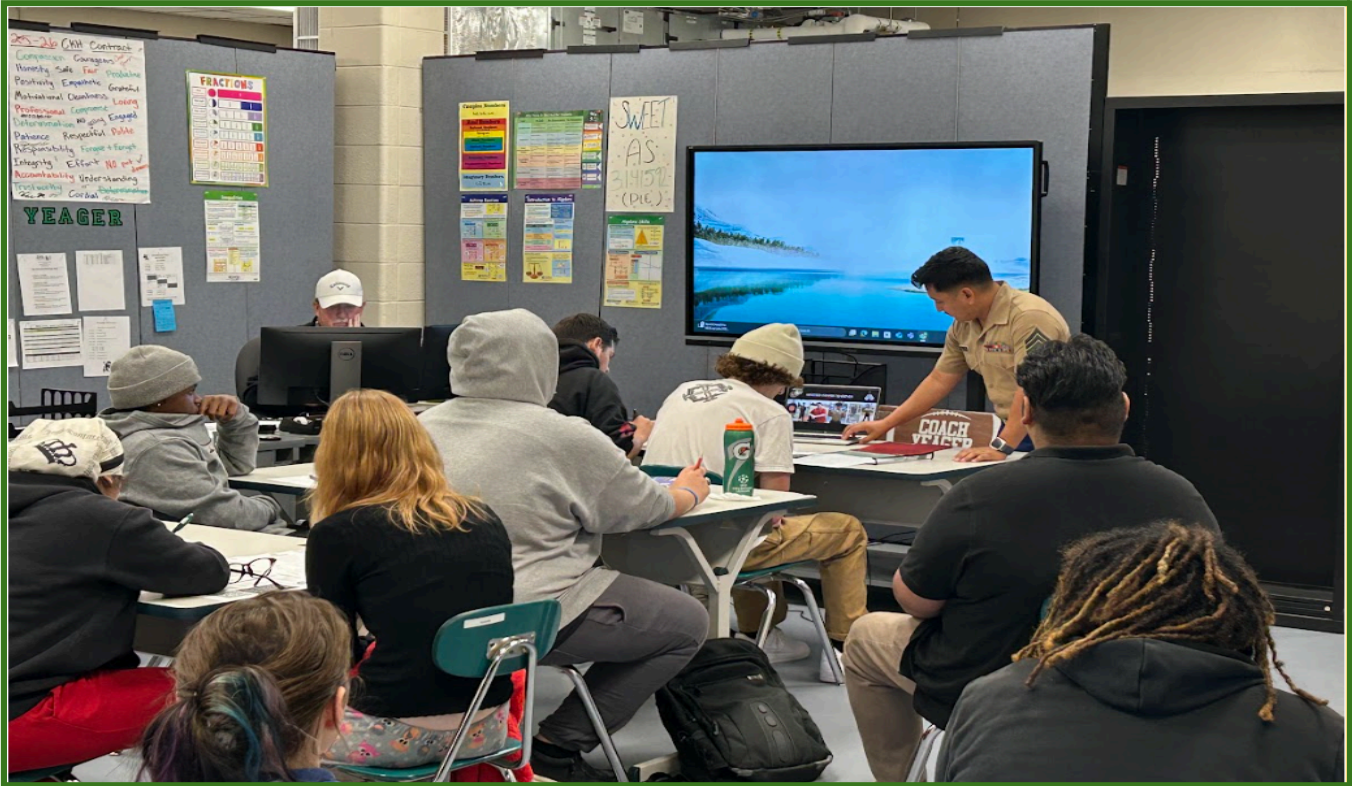


HSA IN PHOTOS: HSA PARTICIPATES IN COLLEGE & CAREER DAY 2025



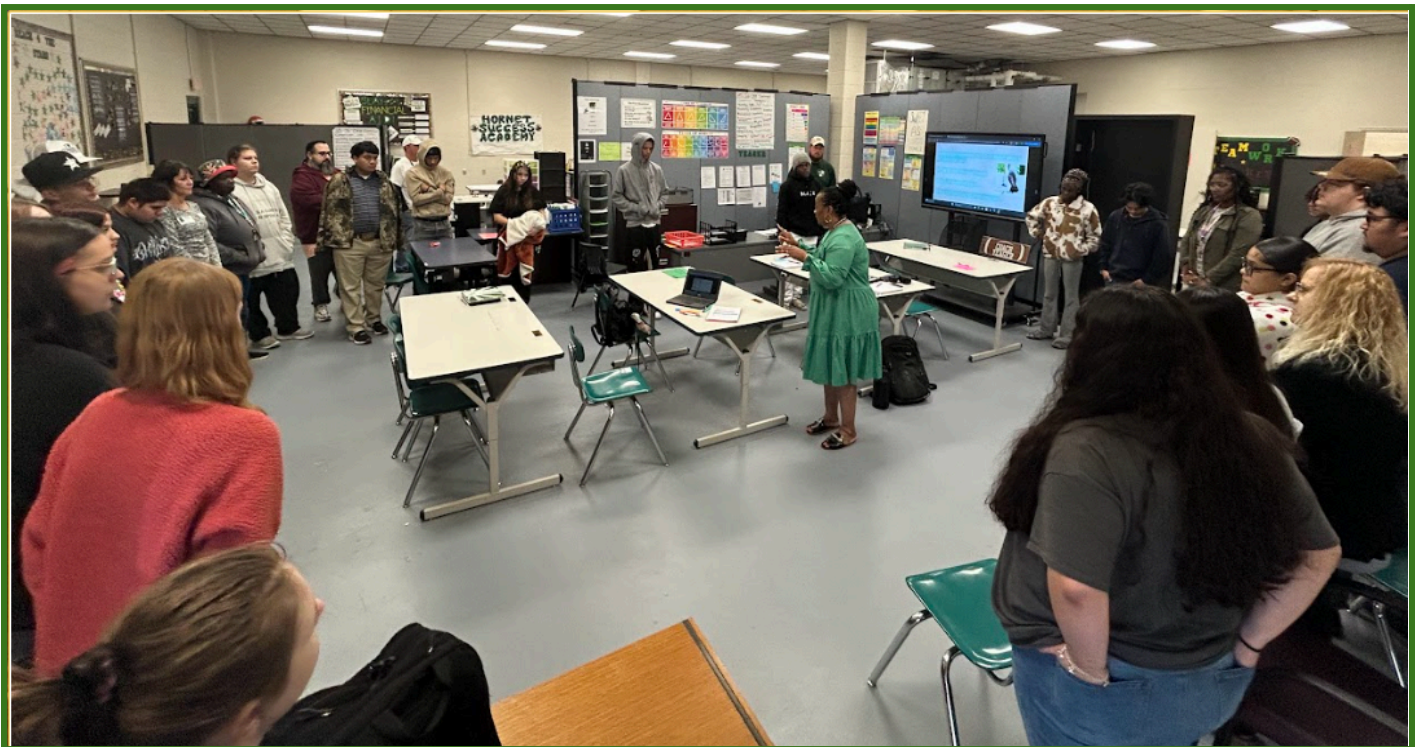
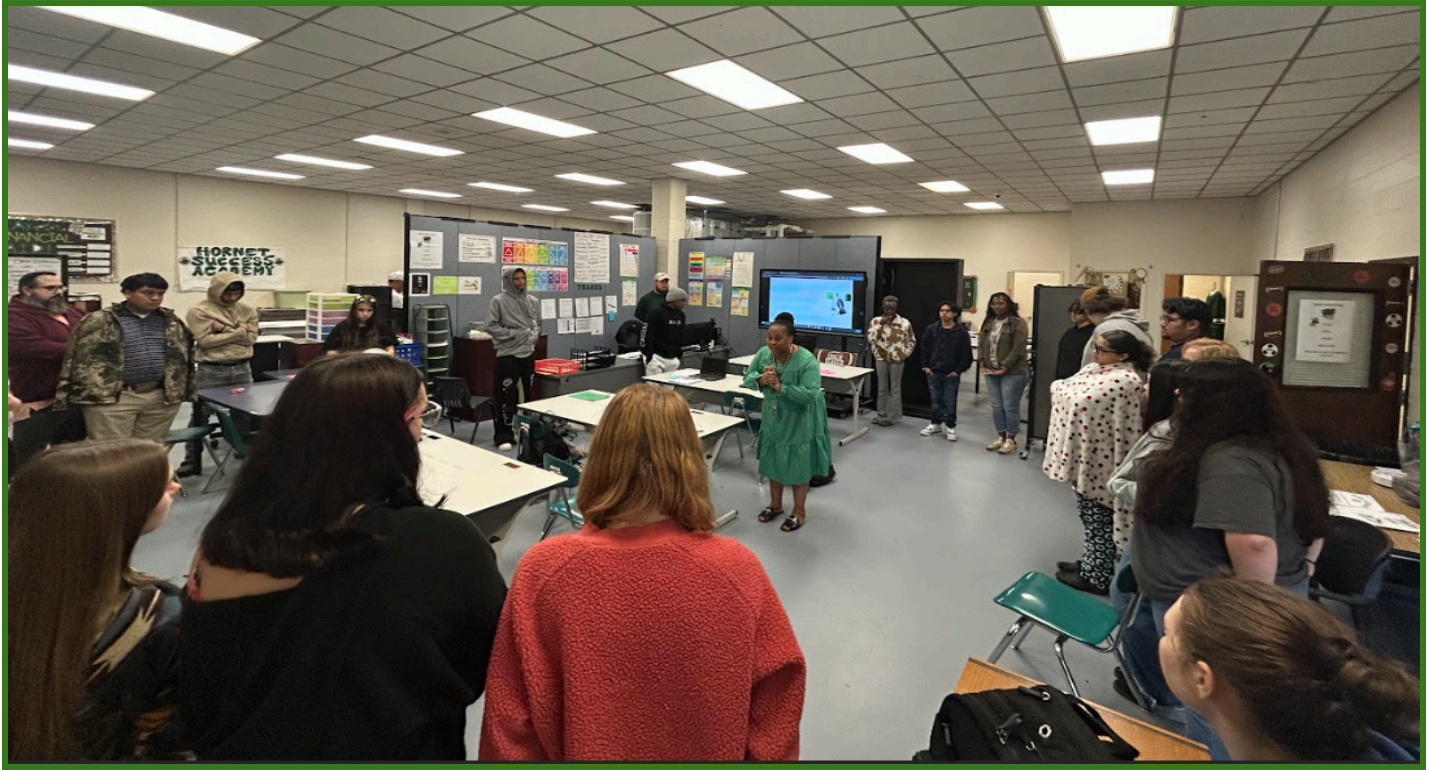


HSA LEARN ABOUT THE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE IN THE MARINE CORP:





MS. JOHNSON "CAPTURES KIDS" HEART WITH A LESSON ON EMPATHY!





HSA DIRECTOR IS CHOSEN FOR SHSU TEDTALK EVENT ON OCTOBER 1, 2025







HSA Graduate Spotlight: Zack Ruiz (Class of 2025)

HSA 2025 graduate Zack Ruiz stopped by for a visit before returning to serve in the United States Marines. Zack completed his basic training while attending HSA and is now proudly using his welding experience in his military career.

We are Hornet Proud of Zack and grateful for his service, dedication, and representation of the Hornet Success Academy!



HSA Graduate Spotlight: Jahvontay Pinesette (Class of 2025)

HSA 2025 graduate Jahvontay Pinesette returned in September for a visit to share how life after graduation is going. Jahvontay is putting his entrepreneurial skills to work by managing his own company alongside his older brother in Houston, Texas.

We are proud of Jahvontay's determination, leadership, and success as he continues to build his future and represent the Hornet Success Academy with excellence!



HSA Graduate Spotlight: Jacob Phillips (Class of 2024)

HSA 2024 graduate Jacob Phillips returned in September to express his gratitude and share how the program has impacted his life before relocating to Abilene, Texas.

Jacob began his electrical career while attending HSA through a collaboration with an entrepreneur from North Side Baptist Church. He is now pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering while working full-time in the field.

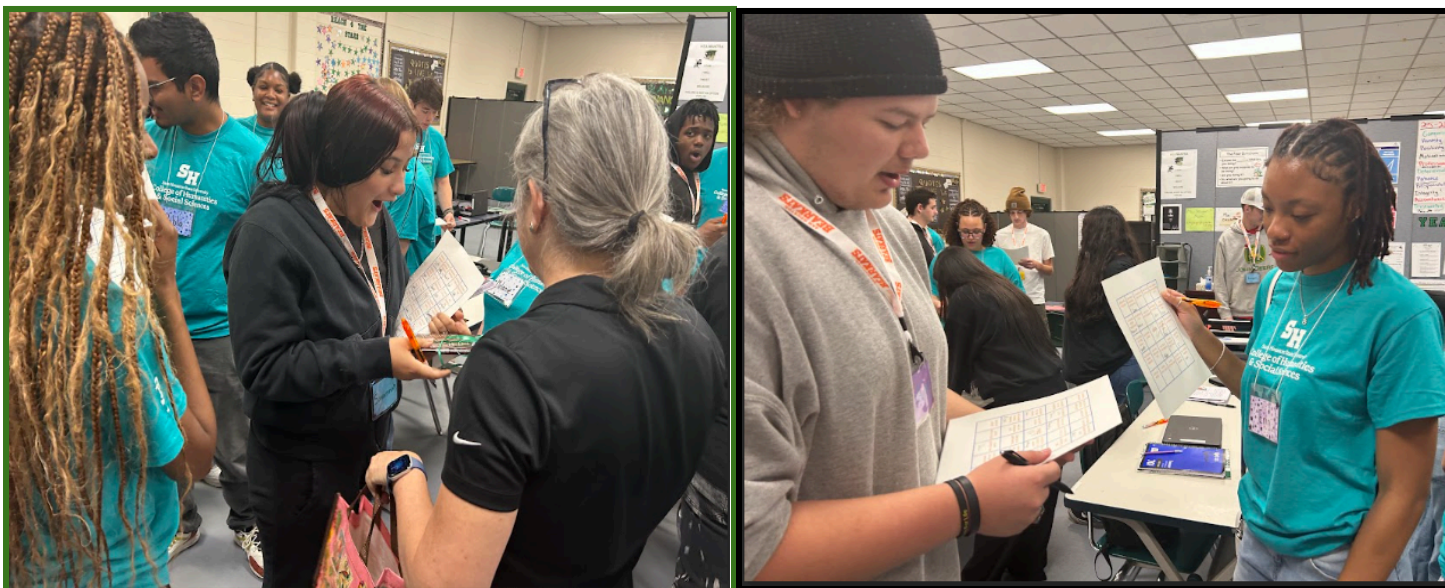
His long-term goal is to complete his studies at Texas A&M University and launch his own electrical company.

We are proud of Jacob and celebrate his continued success as a shining example of what it means to be a Hornet Success Academy graduate!



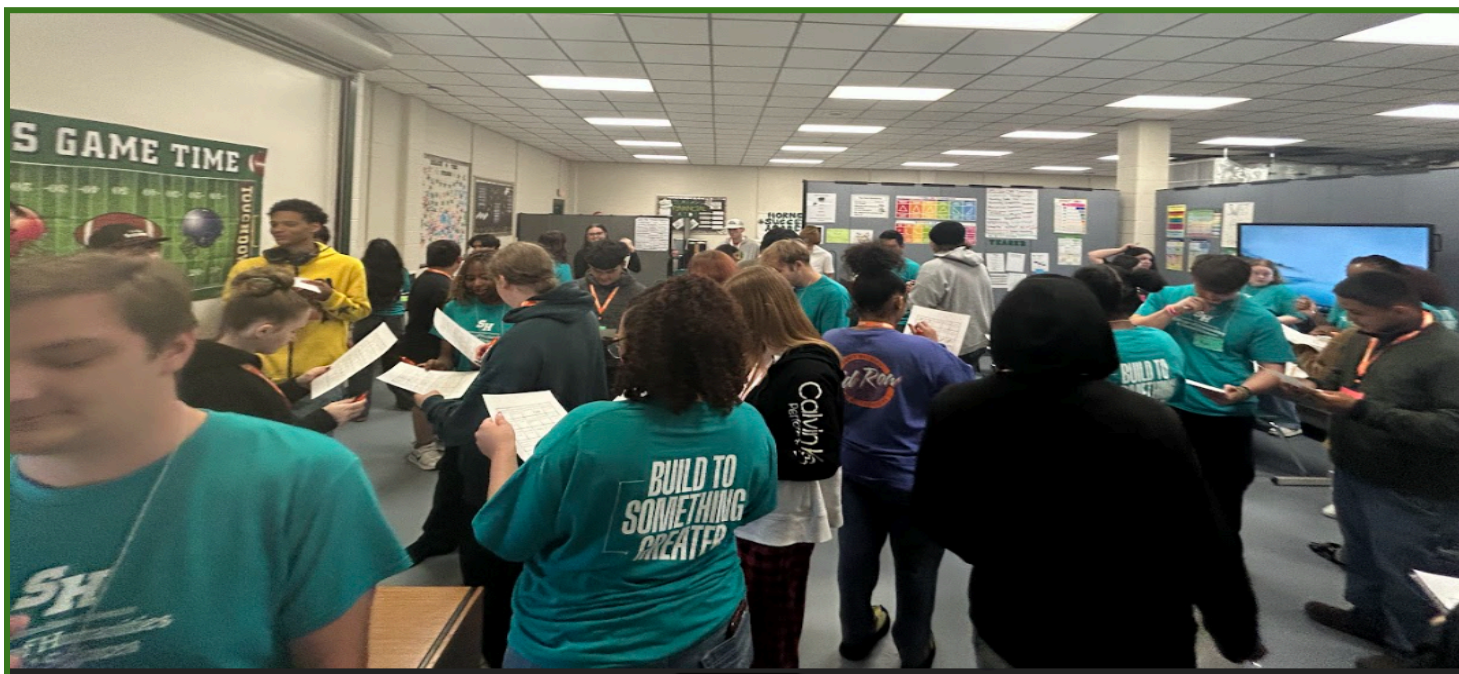


Get to Know You Fall SHSU Mentor Introductory Meeting



This fall, 12 students from Sam Houston State University (SHSU) are serving as mentors for our 53 Hornet Success Academy students. This ongoing partnership continues to make an indelible, positive impact on both our HSA students and the SHSU mentees.

Ms. Johnson had the pleasure of working with the SHSU students prior to the start of their mentoring sessions at HSA. The enthusiasm and positive feedback from the SHSU mentors were true highlights for the HSA Director, reinforcing the value of this powerful collaboration.





HSA Graduate Spotlight: Nathaniel O'Bryant (Class of 2025)

HSA 2025 graduate Nathaniel O'Bryant recently returned to say thank you and share an update on his journey. Nathaniel is currently working full time with his grandfather while earning his CDL license to advance his career.

We are proud of Nathaniel's hard work, focus, and determination as he continues to build a successful future. HSA is Hornet Proud!







HSA COURSE COMPLETIONS!





Mr. Cody Warren, ELA Teacher



HSA Teacher Spotlight: Mr. Warren – October Teacher of the Month

Mr. Warren joined the HSA family in 2024 with a mission to make a positive difference in the lives of our students. Coming to HSA from **Huntsville High School**, he has quickly shown that he loves **all things alternative school**.

With a wealth of **ELA knowledge**, outstanding **customer service**, and a genuine knack for building and maintaining **quality relationships**, Mr. Warren has been a tremendous addition to our team. He is particularly skilled at supporting **at-risk students** who may not yet have a plan for their future.

Since his first day, Mr. Warren has demonstrated an **eye for detail**, strong **technical skills**, and a talent for making HSA presentations “**top tier**.” He is persistent in motivating students to give their best effort while helping them understand the **importance of reading and writing**. In addition, he has started an **after-school book club** for students who enjoy reading.

In his own words:

"HSA gives students a wonderful opportunity that extends beyond the classroom. It has pushed me to become a greater teacher and has been a source of encouragement personally. I love working with the HSA team!"

Mr. Warren also believes that **failure is not an option** for our students and is currently **pursuing his counseling degree**.

Congratulations and thank you, Mr. Warren, for being our October Teacher of the Month!



Best Regards,

Sharonda Johnson, Director of Alternative Education Program
Hornet Success Academy/Huntsville ISD

"Giving all students a hand up to unlimited opportunities for success!"