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"HSA, the key to our success: one vision, one team, one goal -student success!"

GREAT THINGS CONTINUE TO HAPPEN IN HSA!

As we approach the Thanksgiving holidays, the HSA team is grateful for all that has been accomplished this semester. A culture of excellence continues to permeate throughout our HSA Center, you can sense it, feel it, and see it! This years' group of scholars are hardworking, dedicated and give 100% daily.

Our EOC intervention plans, along with student engagement in Edgenuity and the Capturing Kids' Hearts (CKH) program, continue to yield great success. Many of our students have exceeded their pacing calendar goals, and those who have not are very close to doing so. Offering the program twice a day continues to allow us to support more students and to maximize their learning opportunities.

The excitement our students display about their success is truly rewarding to see and hear. To be at this point in the year where we can celebrate what's working is both humbling and inspiring!

ACADEMIC PROGRESS & GRADUATION DATA

Every day, we continue making strides to ensure our students are prepared for the futures they choose.

- **September 2026 Graduates:** 14 students
- **February 2027 Graduates:** 22 students
- **Total Goal for 2026–2027 School Year:** 70-75 graduates

This total will represent approximately **16% of the district's overall graduation rate** for 2026–2027.

As we reach the halfway mark of the school year, we continue to **celebrate what's working and refine what's not**. Each student receives multiple opportunities to succeed through individualized support.

We have disaggregated our EOC data and developed targeted, individualized instructional plans for every December re-tester. Most of our students are now EOC complete. Instruction and preparation remain key this month as we propel our students toward the finish line.

- Current Enrollment: 42 active students
- Fall Graduates: 24 students
- Waitlist: 40+ students

EDGENUITY PROGRESS

- **Courses completed this semester:** 400
- **Courses completed in October:** 200
- **Current active courses:** 68

Hornet Success Academy continues to embody its mission of empowering students to take ownership of their learning and future. Through collaboration, compassion, and consistency, we are building a legacy of excellence, one graduate at a time.

HSA NEWS & UPDATES

- Welcomed **3 new students in October** and **2 new students in November**.

- **24 new students** scheduled to begin in **January 2027**.

- **Adulting 101:** Final fall session – **Thursday, November 19, 2026**.

- **SHSU University Tour:** Friday, **November 20, 2026 (9–11 a.m.)**, as the culminating mentoring event for the semester.

- **Texas Workforce Services** will visit HSA in November to assist HSA graduates and current students with internships and educational advancement.

- **SAT Testing:** October 29,2026 -One HSA student was chosen to participate.

- **Technical School Visits:** Representatives from **Lincoln Tech** and **Universal Technical Institute (UTI)** will visit in November to share trade school opportunities and scholarship information.

- **Thanksgiving Food Boxes:** Provided to HSA students and staff by the **Presbyterian Church** on **Wednesday, November 18, 2026**.

- **STAAR EOC Two Week Boot Camp:** Begins **Monday, November 16, 2026** for our December retesters.

- **Thanksgiving Celebration:** Catered lunch at HSA – **Friday, November 20, 2026, at 11:00 AM.**

- **SHSU ROTC Tutoring:** Begins in **January 2027**.

- **Spring 2027 Mentoring & Success Fridays:** The **Adulting 101** series will continue, led by **HSA Director and by Walker County Business Owners.**

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER HSA CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Oct. 1st : HSA Graduation 2 PM Performing Arts Center.

Oct. 2nd : HSA Graduation & Student/Staff Celebration of the Month.

Oct. 7th: HSA Team Meeting

Oct. 8th : SHSU Student Mentors "Student Mentor/Mentee Mixer"

Oct. 9th: Aveda Cosmetology visit in Shenandoah, Texas.

Oct. 12-13th: *HISD STAFF DEVELOPMENT*

Oct. 14th: Walker County Career Development Meeting/POP Committee Meeting (Johnson)

Oct. 15th : *Sam Houston State Adulting 101 Session 3*: Vision Boards Part I

Oct. 16th : Walker County Adult Education/Literacy "CNA & Phlebotomy Information Session"

Oct. 20th : HSA Senior Pictures

Oct. 26-30st: Red Ribbon Week

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

Oct. 30th : Baked Potatoe celebration for Teacher/Students of the Month & October Birthdays

Nov. 5th: SHSU Mentoring Session*: Preparing for Job & Post Secondary Success*

Nov. 13th: *HSA Senior Picture Day*

Nov. 20th : SHSU Campus Visit (A.M Session)
HSA *Thanksgiving Celebration* (students, staff and Sam volunteers)
Air Force Visit

Nov 23-27th: *Thanksgiving Break*

HSA IN PICTURES:

HSA Staff Spotlight: Ms. Cynthia Terrell

Ms. Cynthia Terrell



Celebrating Heart, Service, and Hornet PRIDE!

Ms. Cynthia Terrell has faithfully served as an **Instructional Assistant at Hornet Success Academy (HSA) for the past three years.** Born and raised in Huntsville, Texas, she is a proud Hornet through and through. Her love for HSA is evident in her own heartfelt words: *"Ms. Johnson, I love it here, and I love these kids!"*

Within HSA, Ms. Terrell is known for her dedication, compassion, and unwavering willingness to lend a helping hand to students and staff. She consistently demonstrates what it means to model **Hornet PRIDE** through her actions, her service, and the genuine care she extends to everyone around her.

A natural nurturer with a servant's heart, Ms. Terrell goes above and beyond to support students who need additional encouragement, individualized guidance, and a caring presence. She has a special gift for connecting with our teen parents and students experiencing homelessness, offering compassion, stability, and reassurance as they navigate challenges while working toward graduation.

When asked about her experience at HSA, Ms. Terrell proudly shared:

"This program is a good program, and it helps so many students who wouldn't be able to graduate without it. The students are lucky to be in HSA. I tell everybody that I meet about HSA."

Her words reflect not only her belief in the mission of Hornet Success Academy, but also her commitment to spreading awareness of a program that changes lives and creates opportunities for students to achieve their dreams.

We celebrate Ms. Cynthia Terrell for being more than an instructional assistant—she is an encourager, a nurturer, an advocate, and a valued member of the HSA family. Her heart for service and the love she pours into our students make a lasting difference every day.

Thank you, Ms. Terrell, for showing us what it means to serve with purpose, lead with compassion, and live out Hornet PRIDE!

Once a Hornet, Always a Hornet! 🐝

We Build Champions!

HSA Success 101: Inspiring Future Entrepreneurs & Community Leaders



Hope. Mentorship. Opportunity. Hornet PRIDE!

In October, a local *Walker County* barber and businessman, Mr. Shockese Barnes visited Hornet Success Academy scholars to share his inspiring journey from earning his high school diploma to completing barber school and building a successful business. He also shared how he now gives back to the community, reminding our students that success is not just about what you achieve for yourself, but also about how you use your success to uplift others.

His message of perseverance, purpose, and possibility resonated with our scholars and staff. Following his presentation, several HSA students signed up for mentoring to explore the pathways to becoming licensed barbers and cosmetologists. This is the kind of real-world exposure that helps our students envision new possibilities, discover their passions, and begin planning for their futures.

We are excited that this young entrepreneur has partnered with HSA to continue mentoring our young men and has committed to providing a scholarship in the spring for one deserving HSA scholar, male or female! His willingness to invest his time, experience, and resources in our students demonstrates the powerful impact of community partnerships.

At Hornet Success Academy, our Success 101 speakers help scholars see beyond their present circumstances and recognize the opportunities available to them. Through authentic stories, meaningful connections, and practical guidance, our students learn that their past does not define their future.



HSA November Students of the Month



Celebrating Ti'Tiyona McKnight

Excellence, Dedication, and a Future in Healthcare!

Ti'Tiyona McKnight is not only Hornet Success Academy's **November Student of the Month**, but she has also earned **Perfect Attendance for both the first and second six weeks of school!** Her commitment to her education, consistent attendance, and determination to reach her goals make her an outstanding example of Hornet PRIDE.

Ti'Tiyona is on track to complete her coursework in November and plans to graduate in February. Following graduation, she intends to pursue her passion for healthcare by attending phlebotomy classes at the Boys & Girls Club in March. Her long-term goal is to attend college and major in a medical field, where she hopes to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

A hardworking, dedicated, and well-rounded young woman, Ti'Tiyona remains focused on building a bright future for herself while making a positive impact on her community and the world around her.

When asked what her journey might have looked like without Hornet Success Academy, Ti'Tiyona shared:

"I probably would have had to get my GED, which I am glad that I didn't have to get one. HSA has allowed me to stay focused and to get my diploma so I can further my education. HSA has been like a family to me, and I love everyone in HSA. I am really thankful for the opportunity to graduate from HSA."



Celebrating Evan Custer

Growth. Perseverance. A Future Full of Possibilities.

Hornet Success Academy is proud to recognize **Evan Custer as our November Male Student of the Month!** Evan's journey is a powerful reminder that with the right support, encouragement, and opportunities, students can overcome obstacles and accomplish extraordinary things.

When Evan entered the HSA program last year, he faced obstacles and personal experiences that made it difficult for him to communicate, express himself, and interact with his peers and staff. However, over the past year, Evan has demonstrated remarkable growth, perseverance, and determination.

Since joining HSA, Evan has completed **more than 20 courses**, established a postsecondary goal for himself, and grown more confident in his interactions with those around him. Today, he engages with his peers and staff with enthusiasm and excitement, reflecting just how far he has come on his educational and personal journey.

Evan is expected to become course-complete this week and plans to graduate in February. Following graduation, he intends to enter the workforce and pursue full-time employment in a warehouse as he takes the next step toward independence and a successful future.

HSA is incredibly proud of Evan's growth, hard work, and accomplishments! His journey reminds us that success is not measured solely by how quickly a student reaches the finish line, but also by the obstacles overcome, the confidence gained, and the goals established along the way.

Congratulations, Evan! Keep believing in yourself, embracing new opportunities, and building

SHSU STUDENTS ENGAGING AND MENTORING OUR HSA STUDENTS



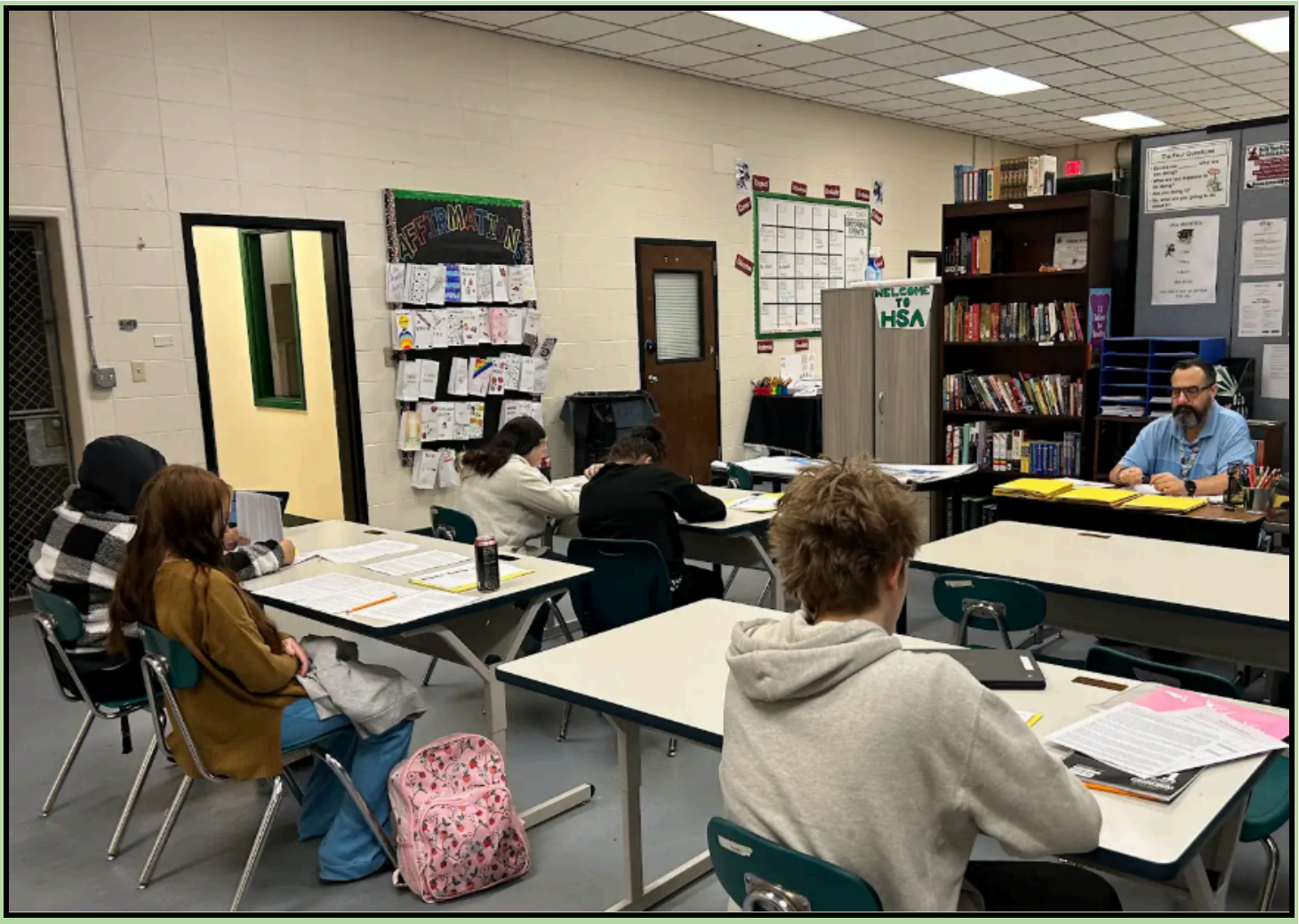
Hornet Success Academy extends a **huge thank you** to **Dr. Miller** and the **Sam Houston State University mentoring students** for another outstanding **Adulting 101 mentoring session** held on **Wednesday, November 12, 2025**.

Each session has been thoughtfully coordinated and enthusiastically attended by our HSA students. During this session, students learned valuable skills such as how to set post-secondary goals, evaluate their progress, and create a step-by-step plan to achieve those goals.

We are deeply appreciative of this ongoing partnership with SHSU and the positive impact it continues to make on our students' growth, confidence, and future success.




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HSA STAFF PREPARE STUDENTS FOR DECEMBER EOC TESTING:

The primary goal of the **Hornet Success Academy (HSA)** is to help students become **EOC complete** or **IGC eligible** before graduating from HSA. Teachers and staff work together to prepare an individual educational plan for each student who enters our program to ensure when they graduate, students are fully prepared to enter the *workforce, military, trade school, or post-secondary institutions.*

Over the past four years, **95% of HSA students graduate within one year of entering the program**. Most students arrive at HSA needing to pass one or more **End-of-Course (EOC)** assessments, but through individualized instruction, targeted interventions, and a strong support system, they gain the tools and confidence needed to reach their academic and career goal

GIDDY UP GLAM & HHS STAFF FOR HSA Donations

Hornet Success Academy would like to extend a **sincere thank you** to ***Giddy Up Glam*** for the clothes and accessories **donations** to HSA students.

Hornet Success Academy would like to also extend a sincere thank you to our HHS/HSA staff for the beautiful items for our 4 teen mothers, who are due in December and January.

Your generosity helps ensure that our students have the support and services needed to focus, learn, and succeed each day.





A FEW OF OUR HSA NOVEMBER STAR COURSE COMPLETERS:









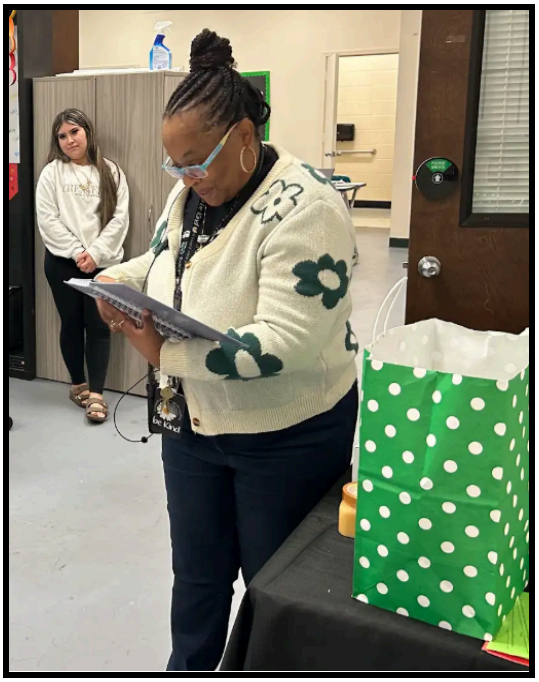
HSA DIRECTOR GETS A WEEK OF LOVE FOR PRINCIPAL'S MONTH

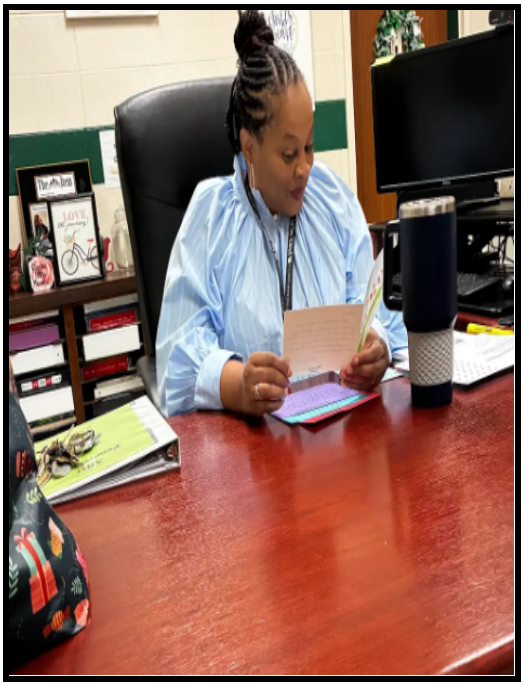
Thank You, HSA Family! ❤️

A heartfelt thank you to the entire HSA team, our amazing students, and our wonderful parents for making Principal's Week so special! Thank you for the affirmations, Sonic drinks, sweet treats, thoughtful gifts, delicious lunch, and beautiful expressions of love and appreciation.

I am truly grateful for each and every one of you. Your thoughtfulness, kindness, and support mean more to me than words can express. It is a blessing to serve alongside such an incredible team and to be surrounded by students and families who make what we do so meaningful.

Thank you for reminding me that the love, dedication, and hard work we pour into others come back to us in the most beautiful ways. I appreciate you all more than you know!







Director's Closing Remarks

At Hornet Success Academy, we believe that every student deserves a chance to rise above their circumstances and create a better tomorrow. The stories of our scholars remind us why we do what we do every day. Their strength, resilience, and perseverance embody the true spirit of HSA -*hope, support, and success through unity and compassion.*

We are proud of these students and deeply grateful to our staff, community partners, and volunteers who continually go above and beyond to make a difference. Together, we are changing lives, ***one Hornet at a time.***

Best Regards,

Dr. Sharonda Johnson
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In the Hornet Success Academy, We Build Champions! 🐝