



HORNET SUCCESS ACADEMY BOARD REPORT

12/11/2024

"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself"—Henry Ford

AWESOME THINGS ARE STILL HAPPENING IN HSA!

We currently have twenty students scheduled to graduate in January. Our next graduation is January 30, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium or PAC.

Snapshot of our January Graduates:(January 30, 2025):

- Asegurado, Jennifer-4th year senior; EOC complete. CCMR-Cosmetology
- Ashley, Kyla-4th year senior; EOC complete. CCMR-Social Media Marketing.
- Baldwin, Seniyah-pending EOC results. 4th year senior. CCMR-Social Media Marketing.
- Butcher, Zamoiya -5th year senior; English II IGC. CCMR-Social Media Marketing.
- Byrd, Jaishon-4th year senior; EOC complete. CCMR-Social Media Marketing.
- Castro-Gomez, Tiara-4th year senior; EOC complete. CCMR-Social Media Marketing.
- Cervantes, Joel-5th year senior; English II IGC. CCMR-ASE refrigerant & recovery.
- Colunga, Kristopher-4th year senior; English II IGC. CCMR-Social Media Marketing.
- Cuautle, Ricky-4th year senior; EOC complete. CCMR-Social Media Marketing.
- Davis, Taylor-4th year senior; EOC complete. CCMR-Social Media Marketing.
- Garrido, Angel-4th year senior; EOC complete. CCMR-AWS D 9.1, AWS D1.1
- Gomez, Cristal-5th year senior; EOC complete. CCMR-Social Media Marketing
- Hernandez, Selena-4th year senior; EOC complete. CCMR-Social Media Marketing
- Morning, Gaitlin-pending EOC results; 4th year senior. CCMR-Social Media Marketing
- O'Bryant, Da'Kedrick-4th year senior; Eng. II IGC. CCMR-Social Media Marketing
- Ramirez-Fuentes, Jeiser-4th year senior; EOC complete. CCMR-Social Media Marketing
- Rodriguez, Francisco-4th year senior; EOC complete. CCMR-Social Media Marketing
- Rolling, Kimaura-4th year senior; EOC complete. CCMR-Social Media Marketing
- Smith, Blake-4th year senior; EOC complete (ARD). CCMR-Social Media Marketing
- Taylor, Jason (*will be course complete only; has to test in the spring*)
- Urbina, George-5th year senior; English II IGC; CCMR-Social Media Marketing

Students have completed 300 semester courses since August 19th, 2024.

HSA Enrollment:

We currently have 37 students enrolled in HSA. 45+ students are on the waiting list. We currently have students enrolled in 80+ Edgenuity courses.



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN HSA?

- HSA welcomed 2 new students in December.
- HSA participated in STAAR EOC BOOT CAMP this past two weeks.
- Twelve HSA students (needy) will get presents on December 19th from our “angel” Christmas donors.
- HSA will add 26 new students in January.
- HSA students and staff will participate in two college tours in the spring.
- HSA will continue its Adulting 101 and Success Fridays in the spring.
- HSA will host a job fair in March for current and previous students.
- HSA students and staff will participate in FAFSA day with representatives from SHSU
- Sam ROTC department will begin tutoring students in January.
- HSA January Adulting 101 will revolve around military and career opportunities for our HSA students.
- HSA spring mentors will be students from the Art and Health Science departments under the collaboration with professor Eddie Wells and Professor Adanaa Alexander.

DECEMBER/JANUARY 2025:

- Nov. 19: Dec. 2: HSA EOC Intervention Bootcamp
- Nov. 20th: HSA Team meeting 3:40 p.m-4:20 p.m.
- Dec. 3rd: Dec. 6th EOC STAAR Testing
- Dec. 11th: HHS/HSA ASVAB Testing 8:00-Noon
- Dec. 19th: HSA Team PLC Meeting 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 19th: HSA Staff and Student Christmas Luncheon
- Dec. 20th: HSA STAFF and Student Christmas Gifts Exchange.
- Dec. 20th: Early Release
- Jan. 6th: HSA Staff Development/Teacher Work Day
- Jan. 7th: HSA Parent/Student Spring Orientation
- Jan. 9th: HSA Student Edgenuity Orientation
- Jan. 20th: MLK Staff & Student Holiday
- Jan. 21st: HSA FAFSA/SCHOLARSHIP/WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS NIGHT
- Jan. 30th: HSA Graduation #2 @ 3:00 p.m. in HHS Auditorium/PAC
- Jan. 31st: HSA 3rd Six Weeks Report Card Distribution

HSA IN PICTURES:SHSU TOUR

On November 20th, HSA students got the opportunity to visit and learn about the amazing opportunities at SHSU. The tour was the culminating activity planned with the SHSU students mentors for the fall semester. Students received a bag full of bear cat swag and snacks.



HSA STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

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Adrian Garrido



Tiara Gomez Castro

Tiara Castro Gomez, is a hard-working, smart and very determined young lady. She will graduate from the Hornet Success Academy in January. After she leaves the center, Tiara plans to go to truck driving school to become a truck driver. Eventually, she plans to own her own trucking company.

Angel Garrido is a student who believes in working hard and getting the job done. While in HSA, Angel has worked as a manager at Chick-fil-A. After graduating from the center in January, he will further his education and get his business degree. Eventually, he wants to move up the ranks at Chick Fil A and own his own business one day.

THANK YOU WALKER COUNTY LIONS CLUB & COURTNEY ROSE FOR KEEPING OUR STUDENTS WARM & FOR PROVIDING A HEALTHY BREAKFAST FOR OUR HSA STAFF:

HSA 24-25 STUDENTS



L to R: Blake Bridges, Kimaura Rolling, Logan Riley, JaVontay Pinesette (back), Charles Ness, Ricky Cuaulte, Chaniya Kizzie, Haven Hightower and Taylor Davis displaying donated coats.



Walker County Lions Club donated 43 coats to all of the students in HSA to ensure all students have coats for the winter.



Every student in HSA received a brand new coat from several community partners including the Lions Club of Walker County. Many of our students needed jackets or coats for the winter month. Thanks to our wonderful HSA partner, no student was left without.

Thank you Courtney Rose, Giddy Up Glamour for providing a warm delicious breakfast for our HSA staff as we countdown to Christmas.

Pictured: Courtney Rose & Ms. Shanda Grassity

A FEW HSA DECEMBER STAR COMPLETERS:



TOP (Left to Right): Tiara Castro Gomez (January Graduate), Kristopher Colunga (January Graduate) Kyla Ashley (January Graduate).

BOTTOM (Left to Right): Harleigh Farmer (April Graduate), Jason Taylor (May Graduate), Logan Riley (December graduate).

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DECEMBER GRADUATES:

Traven Ayers, Jonathan Delara, Adrian Esturba, Rori Mark (not pictured), Cameron Morrow (not pictured), Logan Riley and Alaina Rogers.



TRAVEN AYERS:

After graduation, He plans to work and go to college to become a music producer.

His senior quote: Yesterday is what brought you to today.

Without HSA, I would have been a high school drop out.

His advice for future students is: Do your work even if it seems hard.

Traven Ayers



"When you take risks, you learn that there will be times when you succeed and there will be times when you fail, and both are equally important." – Ellen DeGeneres



Traven Ayers



JONATHAN DELARA:

After graduation, He plans to work in construction with his father.

While in high school: he earned his welding certificate.

His senior quote: I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

HSA has taught me to believe in myself and helped me graduate. The mentoring helped me to believe that I can accomplish anything if I put my mind to it.

His advice for future students is: Believe in yourself and don't give up.

Jonathan Delara



***"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."
-Henry David Thoreau***



Jonathan Delara



ADRIAN ESTURBA:

After graduation, He plans to attend UTI for collision repair.

While in high school: he participated in soccer.

His senior quote: Don't let the wrong lifestyle destroy your dreams, believe in yourself and don't follow blind.

Adrian Esturba



***"What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson***



Adrian Esturba



LOGAN RILEY:

After graduation, He plans to continue working in construction and attend trade school to become a welder.

While in high school, He participated in baseball, basketball, football, swimming and track.

His senior quote: Your future is only as good as the work you put into it.

HSA has helped me graduate. If it wasn't for HSA, I would have dropped out.

His advice to future students: Don't give up.

Logan Riley



"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." –Dr. Seuss



Logan Riley



ALAINA ROGERS:

After graduation, she plans to become a navy seal and attend Sam Houston State University to major in Criminal Law.

Her senior quote: You can achieve anything, you just have to invest yourself. You are worth it.

Without HSA, I wouldn't be graduating right now. I have struggled with mental health issues and the challenges of living from home to home. I didn't believe I would get this far. HSA helped me to believe I could make it. I am now ready to see what God has in store for me.

Her advice to future students: Get in there and do the work to get it done.

Everyone, please help me congratulate Alaina Rogers.

Alaina Rogers



***"Your life is your story, and the adventure ahead of you is the journey to fulfill your own purpose and potential."
-Kerry Washington***



Alaina Rogers



HSA DECEMBER GRADUATION:



“We can, we will and we must, because failure is not an option for us!”

HSA DECEMBER STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH:

STAFF OF THE MONTH



MS. SHEILA ELLIOTT

HSA DECEMBER TEACHER OF THE MONTH:

Ms. Sheila Elliott



Our December staff member of the month is Ms. Sheila Elliott. Ms. Elliott joined the HSA family in August 2024 with boots on the ground. An infectious laughter and love for learning, she has quickly melted the hearts of staff and students in HISD.

She is from a small town in northwest Tennessee called Trenton. She attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and received a double major in Psychology and Social Work. She later returned to the University of Tennessee in Martin and received her MSED in counseling. Ms. Elliott brought 14 plus years of counseling expertise at the high school and post secondary to the district.

She came to Walker County to marry the love of her life, Robbie and has made her home in Huntsville, Texas. She is the proud mother of four children - Summer, Samantha, Skylar and Angelina and is an equally proud grandmother of four beautiful grandchildren - Sophie, Ann-Maree, Emit and Josies.

She splits her time between HSA and Westmoreland each week and has demonstrated she has a heart for working with students who have experienced trauma and struggled academically. She says she chose to become a school counselor, because of her own phenomenal school counselor in high school who took a special interest in her. Had it not been for the counselor, Ms. Elliott says she would most likely not have graduated from college. One of my favorite quotes is "The distance between your dreams and reality is called action." Another one is, "You can't change the hand you're dealt, but you determine how you play your cards."

Ms. Elliott says, *"I chose to be a hornet, because as soon as I walked in the room for my interview with Mrs. Johnson I fell in love with her and this program. I knew I was right where God wanted me to be! I've always been a champion of the "underdog" for the students that most have washed their hands of. These students are the ones I feel most called to work with. It is so satisfying to see them beat all the odds and to succeed. I truly enjoy getting to work with the students in these two programs. Being a part of the HSA and DAEP team has been an awesome experience and I have gained a new family here in Texas through my HSA family!"*

Best Regards,

Ms. Sharonda Johnson

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

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