

Hornet Success Academy Principal Report - 09/10/2025

EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN HSA!

HSA had a fantastic year last year! During the 2024-25 school year, we graduated 60 students. Huntsville High School graduated 354 of the 414 total 2025 cohort graduates. Using the dropout/leaver report and the HHS potential grad list, HSA took in 70 students for the year. The HSA program contributed 14.5 % to the overall 95% graduation rate.

Of the 60 HSA graduates, 46% are pursuing post-secondary opportunities (military, college/university or technical programs).

HSA Graduates Post Secondary Opportunities:

- 2 students- 4 year university.
- 11 students-2 year programs
- 3 students-Tulsa Welding School
- 3 students-Military (Air Force, Marines, Army)
- 2 students-Cosmetology & Aesthetician Certification
- 2 students-CDL
- 3 students-HVAC
- 1 student-Lineman Certification

HSA staff and director continue to work one on one with students through-out the year to get students enrolled and accepted into the various programs after graduating from HSA.

A review of our 24-25 graduates?

- 55% were EOC complete (33/60) 41% were IGC eligible.
- 100% received a CCMR Point for the 24-25 school year.
- 92% of the students we enrolled graduated during 24-25 yr.
- 20 % (12/60) participated in the SER Jobs Work Program (Walker County Jobs).
- HSA students completed 917 semester credits during the 24-25 school year.

HSA Partnerships & Collaborations 25-26

HSA appreciates the continued collaborations with the following Walker County Partners:

- Sam Houston State University Social Work Department & the “ACE” mentoring program w Dr. Lee Miller.
- Walker County Pop Committee & Chamber Director, Mr. Jason Brandolini
- Sam Houston State University Health Science Department & Professor Adanna Alexander.
- Workforce Solutions/SER Jobs & Walker County Workforce Solutions
- Giggles & Grins Daycare Teen Parenting Program/Jobs with Ms. Rochunda McKinney.
- Pastor Travis Lee & NorthSide Baptist Church



- Pastor Timothy O'Bryant and Greater Temple of Deliverance
- Pastor Howard and Greater Zion Baptist Church
- Greater Gospel Hill and Grant Tax Service
- Walker County Junior Service League
- Our HSA Incentivism Program supporters (Chick Fil A, What-a-Burger, McDonalds, Canes)
- Our Teacher & students of the month supporters

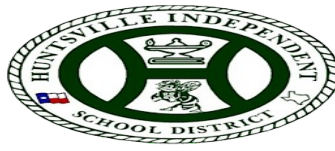
Five students graduated in August for the 24-25 school year. Eight students will graduate from HSA on Thursday, October 21, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) at Huntsville High School. Pastor Travis Lee and former HSA graduate, Hailey Barber will be guest speakers.

HSA 25-26 Enrollment Snapshot:

- There are currently have 48 students in our in fall cohort
- HSA offers three sessions for our students (AM, PM and all day sessions).
- An additional 40-45 students will join the HSA program during the 25-26 school year.
- 8 students will graduate in October 2025.
- 20 students are scheduled to graduate in January 2026.
- 18 Students are EOC complete
- 10 Students are IGC eligible
- 5 Teen Parents
- 6 Homeless Teens
- 2 Cohort 2025
- 22 Cohort 2026
- 18 Cohort 2027

WHAT'S NEWSWORTHY IN HSA:

- HSA Director, Ms. Sharonda Johnson will represent HISD as one of the 2025 SHSU Tedx Speakers. Her TEDtalk is entitled, "*Words have weight-the invisible forces that shape our lives.*" The theme is Reframe. What happens when we shift our perspective? The theme of Reframe invites us to look again – at ourselves, our communities, and the world around us. It's about challenging assumptions, rewriting narratives, and discovering new ways to understand the familiar. Each talk offers bold insights and fresh angles that will help participants to reimagine what's possible when we choose to see differently.
- HSA is working with HISD to offer CDL classes to students who want to pursue their CDLs and drive buses in HISD. Four students will currently pursue this pathway.
- HSA once again has partnered with local community business owners to continue the monthly snack donations to our students. These monthly contributions are embedded into our weekly incentives to keep students on track and motivated to reach their short-term and long term goals.
- HSA would like to thank Ms. Mallory Parrish, owner of Giddy up Glamour, for donating work attire for homeless HSA students in need of clothing for school and work. Ms. Johnson and HSA staff accepted the bags of clothes from this generous HISD community supporter.



- Congratulations to the HSA director, Ms. Sharonda Johnson. She will continue to serve as the secretary of the *Texas Association of Alternative Education* Organization for the next year. TAAE is a statewide association for the administrators and teacher professionals involved in alternative education. There are 255 schools who make up the organization.
- HSA will continue its partnership with the SER Jobs organization (Walker County) this year. A SER jobs representative will make bi-monthly visits to HSA beginning in October to help graduates get internships, child care assistance, and social services in Walker County. The goal is to continue to provide HSA students with post-secondary opportunities. This organization continues to help students succeed in the college/career plan of their choice after graduation.
- In November 2025, HSA will take a group of students to Aveda Institute for Cosmetology certificates and registration and attendance after graduation from HSA.
- The Junior Service League, Greater Temple of Deliverance, North Side Baptist Church and Grant Tax Service have partnered again with HSA to provide water, gift cards, food/pantry items, snacks and other needs for HSA students.
- This year, HSA will feature informational posts and testimonies on our social media platform to highlight the accomplishments of our staff and students. This will include past and current students, monthly graduations, celebrations and events. And offer sponsorship levels of opportunities this year.
- On Wednesday, September 17, 2025, Ms. Johnson will speak to our fall SHSU mentors in the College of Sociology to prepare them for our HSA mentoring opportunities.
- On Thursday, September 18, 2025, Ms Johnson will represent HISD at the Community of Engagement ACE Fall meeting.
- On Wednesday, September 24, 2025, HSA Staff will have a float in the Homecoming Parade at 6:30 p.m.
- On Thursday, September 25, 2025, Ms. Donna Sheppard will visit HSA for its fall traction visit. HSA is a rising STAR CKH campus and plans to become a CKH showcase campus during the 25-26 school year.
- On October 8, 2025, Dr. Miller and students from the Sam Houston State Sociology department will return for our Adulting 101 mentoring series with HSA students. This collaboration is one that continues to be enjoyed by our students and staff. It is also a highlight for the students/staff mentors from the SHSU, as well.



UPCOMING HSA EVENTS:

- Sept. 1st : Labor Day Holiday
- Sept. 3rd : HSA CPR/Police Videos
- Sept. 4th : HSA Senior Group Picture Day
- Sept. 5th : HSA CKH Social Contract & Empathy Part I Huddle
- Sept. 8th : HSA Students @PAC for HHS College & Career Meeting w/Ms. Dawn Shaw
- Sept. 9th : HSA CKH Empathy Huddle Part II
- Sept. 10th : HSA Team Meeting at 3:45 p.m.
- Sept. 12th : HSA CCMR Meeting with HHS Counseling Team 1:00 p.m.
- Sept. 13th : Sharonda Johnson Birthday
- Sept. 17th : HSA Director Speaks at SHSU to SHSU Fall Mentors
- Sept. 18th : HSA Director at SHSU Advisory Meeting 9-10:30 Walker Education Center
- Sept. 18th : HSA Senior Goal Meeting w/HSA Counselor, Ms. Sheila Elliott & Coach Greer.
- Sept. 22nd : Dawn Shaw visit w/HSA students @10:00 a.m.
- Sept. 24th : HSA Senior Pictures
- Sept. 24th : HSA Team Meeting at 3:45 p.m.
- Sept. 25th : HSA CKH Traction visit with Donna Sheppard .
- Sept. 26th : HSA Student & Teacher of the Month Celebration 11:30-12:00 Noon
- Oct. 8th : Adulting 101 Session- & Meet & Greet Plus CDL & HVAC Information Session & Sign-up
- Oct. 8th : HSA Team Meeting/SHSU Adulting 101 Session 3: *Time Management*
- Oct. 13th : Professional Learning Day
- Oct. 15th : HHS SAT Day/SHSU Adulting 101 Session 2 Vision Boards & Goal Setting
- Oct. 15th : HSA Team Meeting & **Energy Bus Book Study** – Chapter 1 S. Johnson
- Oct. 16th : Homecoming Parade-HSA will participate in the parade.
- Oct. 17th : Homecoming Game/ Ms. Jones Birthday Celebration
- Oct. 18th : Homecoming Dance
- Oct. 21st : HSA Graduation Practice in the PAC 2:30 p.m.
- Oct. 22nd : HHS SAT Day/SHSU Adulting 101 Session 5: Mental Health/Toxic Relationships
- Oct. 23rd : HSA Graduation in the PAC at 2:00 p.m.
- Oct. 31st : HSA Teacher and Student of the Month Celebrations



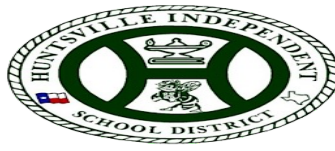
HSA IN PICTURES:



HSA 25-26 Staff

HSA-(Left to Right) Trevor Greer, Sheila Elliott Jackson, Sharonda Johnson, Cody Warren, Shanda Grassity, Kendell Jones, Amaya Scott, and David Yeager

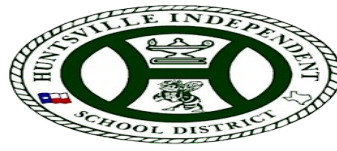




35th Annual TAAE Conference in Houston, Texas

HSA DIRECTOR-Sharonda Johnson, is currently finishing her second year as the secretary of the Texas Association of Alternative Education Professional Organization in July, 2025 (TAAE).





HSA August Staff PD Sessions:





HSA Staff Participate in EOC/504 Testing Session



HSA Staff Participate in Edgenuity Back to School PD

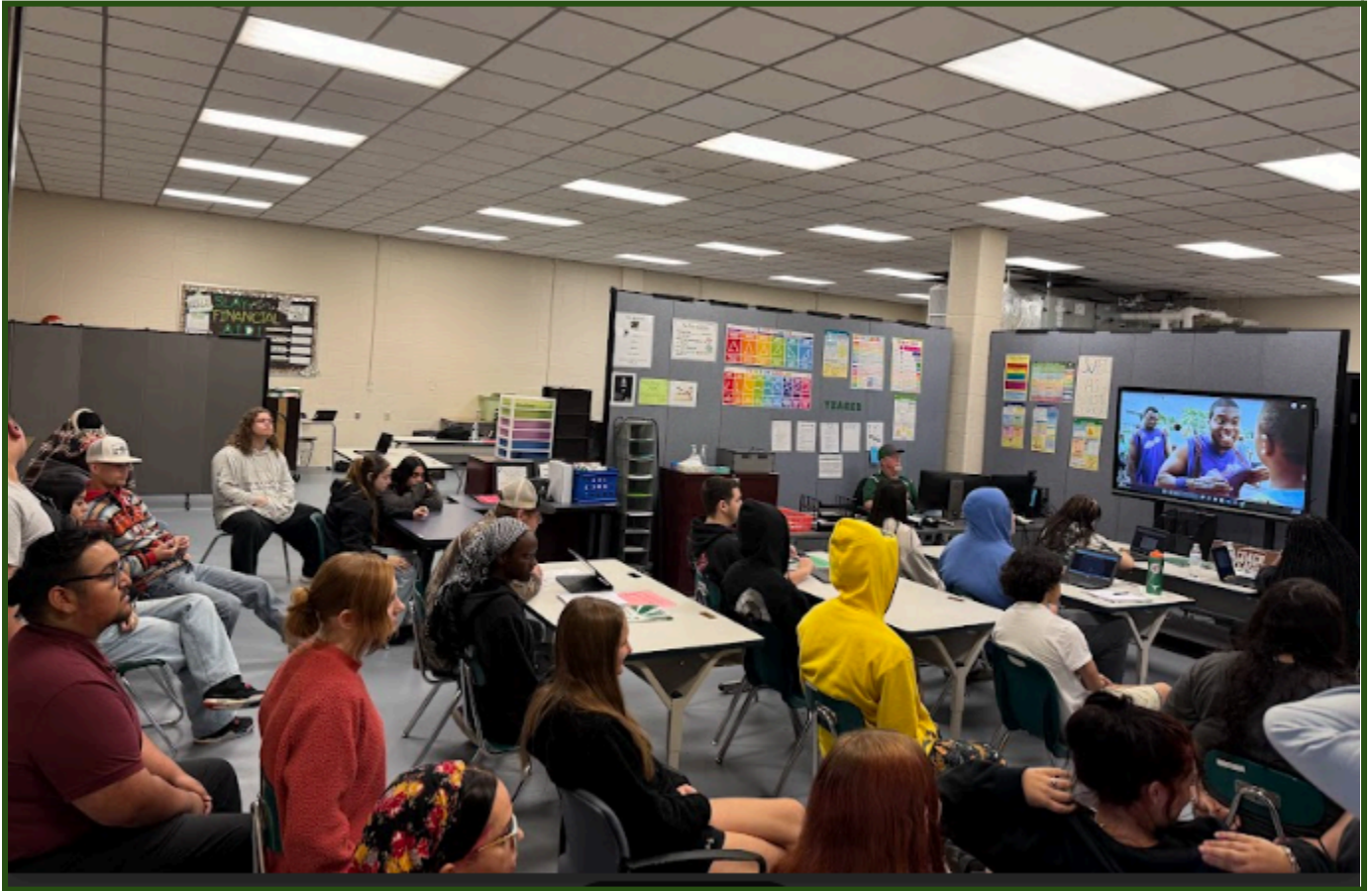


HSA August Student & Parent Orientation Sessions (August 12, 2025)





HSA WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL STUDENT ORIENTATION (August 13, 2025)





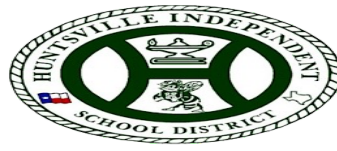
A HUGE HSA Hornet Salute to:

***Ms. Kristen Thomas, CIS Worker
&***

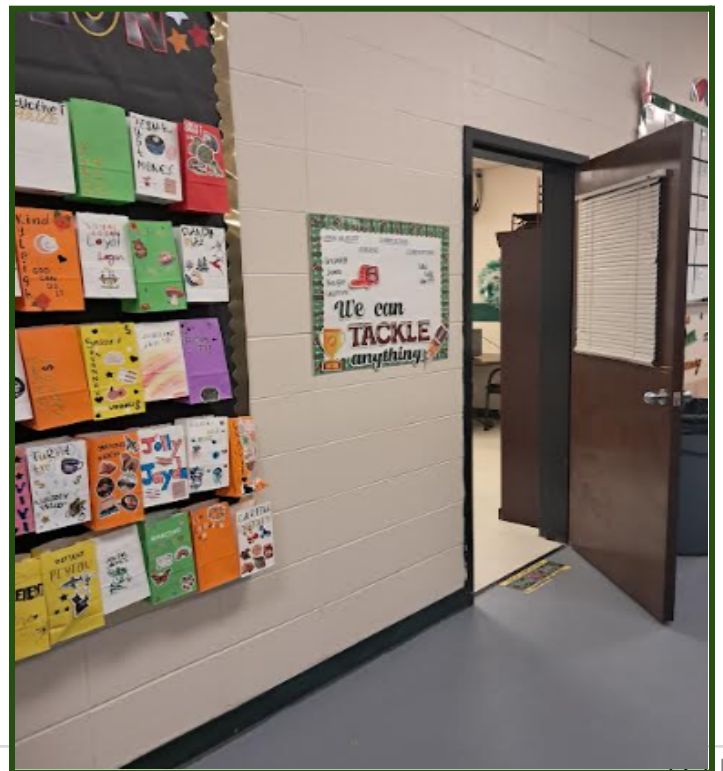
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for the September Snacks:***

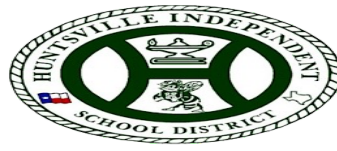
HSA STUDENTS AND STAFF THANK YOU!





HSA, CKH AFFIRMATION STATION, STUDENT OF THE WEEK, & CKH DAILY GREETING/WELCOMING OF STUDENTS TO HSA





AUGUST STAR COMPLETERS:



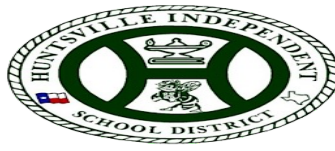


Thank you SHSU Office of Engagement for our SHSU Student Fall Volunteer



University Partnership – SHSU Student Worker

Ms. Johnson recently met with representatives from Sam Houston State University to secure a student worker for Hornet Success Academy this fall. The SHSU student will support office staff, students, and teachers while gaining valuable hands-on experience. In addition, she will be mentored by Ms. Johnson and equipped with job readiness skills to strengthen her future career path. This partnership reflects HSA's commitment to preparing both our students and future educators for long-term success.



HSA SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH James Copenhaver & Vivian Rocha



Hornet Success Academy is proud to recognize James Copenhaver and Vivian Rocha as our Students of the Month. Both James and Vivian were selected for demonstrating exceptional character, commitment, hard work and outstanding attendance. As January graduates, they have shown remarkable perseverance and determination in reaching their goals. After leaving HSA, both plan to continue their education by pursuing post-secondary two-year trade school certificates. James and Vivian exemplify what it means to be Champion Hornets, and we are proud of their achievements.

Both students received a certificate, gift card and will go into a drawing at the end of the year for the opportunity to win an IPAD or Laptop (winner's choice) during the HSA End of the Year Barbecue which will be held in May 2026.



HSA SEPTEMBER TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Mrs. Shanda Grassity, Social Studies Teacher



Hornet Success Academy proudly recognizes **Mrs. Shanda Grassity** as our Teacher of the Month. A proud Huntsville High School graduate and former Hornet herself, Ms. Grassity is now in her third year teaching Social Studies at HSA. She is known for her tireless dedication, motivating students, and pushing them to achieve their very best each day. Beyond the classroom, she continues to invest in students through her involvement in the community and HISD athletics. Her commitment, passion, and heart for giving back truly embody the spirit of a Champion Hornet.

When asked about working with students in HSA, Mrs. Grassity will tell you that she loves working with the students. It is a mission and a responsibility. It is rewarding to see them come in with doubt and to graduate with the confident belief that they are capable of achieving great things in life.