



HORNET SUCCESS ACADEMY BOARD REPORT

11/11/2025

*"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!

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.

- **November 2025 Graduates:** 6 students
- **December 2025 Graduates:** 9 students
- **Total Goal for 2025–2026 School Year:** 70–75 graduates

This total will represent approximately **16% of the district's overall graduation rate** for 2025–2026.

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: **60** active students
- Fall Graduates: 15 students projected
- Waitlist: 40+ students

EDGENUITY PROGRESS

- Courses completed this semester: 390
- Courses completed in October: 185
- Current active courses: 120

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 2 new students in October and 4 new students in November (including four homeless students).
- 20 new students scheduled to begin in January 2026.
- Adulting 101: Final fall session – Wednesday, November 19, 2025.
- SHSU University Tour: Friday, November 21, 2025 (9–11 a.m.), as the culminating mentoring event for the semester.
- Texas Workforce Services will visit HSA after December graduation to assist students with internships and educational advancement.
- ASVAB Testing: November 16, 2025 – 7 students have committed to enlist in the U.S. Military.
- 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 26, 2025.

- **STAAR EOC Two Week Boot Camp:** Begins **Monday, November 17, 2025** for our December retesters.
- **Thanksgiving Celebration:** Catered lunch at HSA – **Friday, November 21, 2025, at noon.**
- **SHSU ROTC Tutoring:** Begins in **January 2026.**
- **Spring 2026 Mentoring & Success Fridays:** The **Adulting 101** series will continue, led by **Professor Adana Alexander** and students from the **SHSU Health Science Department.**

NOVEMBER HSA CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Nov. 5th: SHSU Adulting 101 Session

Nov. 11th: HSA CKH Huddle

Nov. 12th: SHSU Adulting 101 Session/HSA Team Meeting

Nov. 13th: HSA Senior Pictures

Nov. 19th: SHSU Adulting 101 Final Fall Session

Nov. 20th: HSA Graduation @ 2:00 P.M. PAC

Nov. 21st: HSA Thanksgiving Celebration (*students, staff and Sam volunteers*)

Nov. 21st: HSA SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY TOUR
Air Force

Nov. 24-28th: **THANKSGIVING BREAK**

Dec. 2nd-6th: EOC STAAR Retesting

Dec. 18th: HSA 3rd Graduation @ 3:00 p.m @ 2:00 P.M. PAC

HSA IN PICTURES:

HSA NOVEMBER STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Ms. Cynthia Terrell



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

Ms. Terrell has one son who graduated in 2018. Within HSA, she is known for her dedication, compassion, and willingness to lend a helping hand to both students and staff in any way possible. Her commitment to supporting our HSA family and modeling **Hornet PRIDE** shines through daily.

A natural nurturer and giver, Ms. Terrell goes above and beyond to assist students who need extra support and individualized guidance. She works especially well with our teen parents and homeless students, offering them the encouragement and stability they need to stay focused and succeed.

When asked about her experience at HSA, Ms. Terrell 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."

We are truly grateful for Ms. Terrell's heart for service, her steadfast dedication, and the love she pours into every student who walks through our doors. She is an essential part of what makes HSA such a special place.

HSA Staff and Community Step Up to Support Students in Need

In October, the **Hornet Success Academy** staff came together to give hope and support to several students facing significant life challenges. When one student lost his caregiver and became homeless, the HSA team—along with community partners—immediately stepped in to provide **shelter, food, toiletries, clothing, and other essentials** to ensure these students could continue their education and stay on track to graduate.

Thanks to this outpouring of compassion and teamwork, each of these students is now moving forward toward graduation:

- **One student** will graduate in **January 2026**
- **Two students** will graduate in **April 2026**



HSA Student Spotlight:

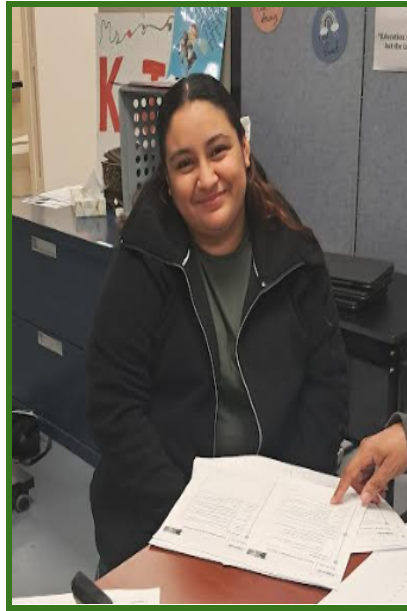


Joey Cassard

Joey is a resilient student who became homeless after being abandoned by his parents last year. He joined HSA in November and is on track to graduate in **April 2026**. Joey plans to become an **electrician** after graduation. HSA Director **Sharonda Johnson** is working closely with **Reliant Energy** to help Joey enroll in **lineman school**, opening the door to a promising career path.

Corey Lavan

Corey plans to attend **Tulsa Welding School** after graduation. Before joining HSA, he earned his **welding certification** in high school but took a year off to cope with personal loss. Upon returning to the district, Corey joined HSA and has since expressed deep gratitude for the second chance the program has given him. “**HSA was an answer to my prayer**,” he shared. A generous community member has volunteered to purchase his **welding gear and boots** when he begins school in Tulsa.



Mia Valdez

Mia took a year away from school to work full-time and care for her **young son and two siblings** after her parents were deported. Despite her challenges, she returned determined to finish her education and build a stable future for her family. Mia will graduate from HSA in April 2026 and plans to begin a career with the **Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ)**.

THE COMMUNITY GIVES LOADS OF DONATIONS FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER/NOVEMBER



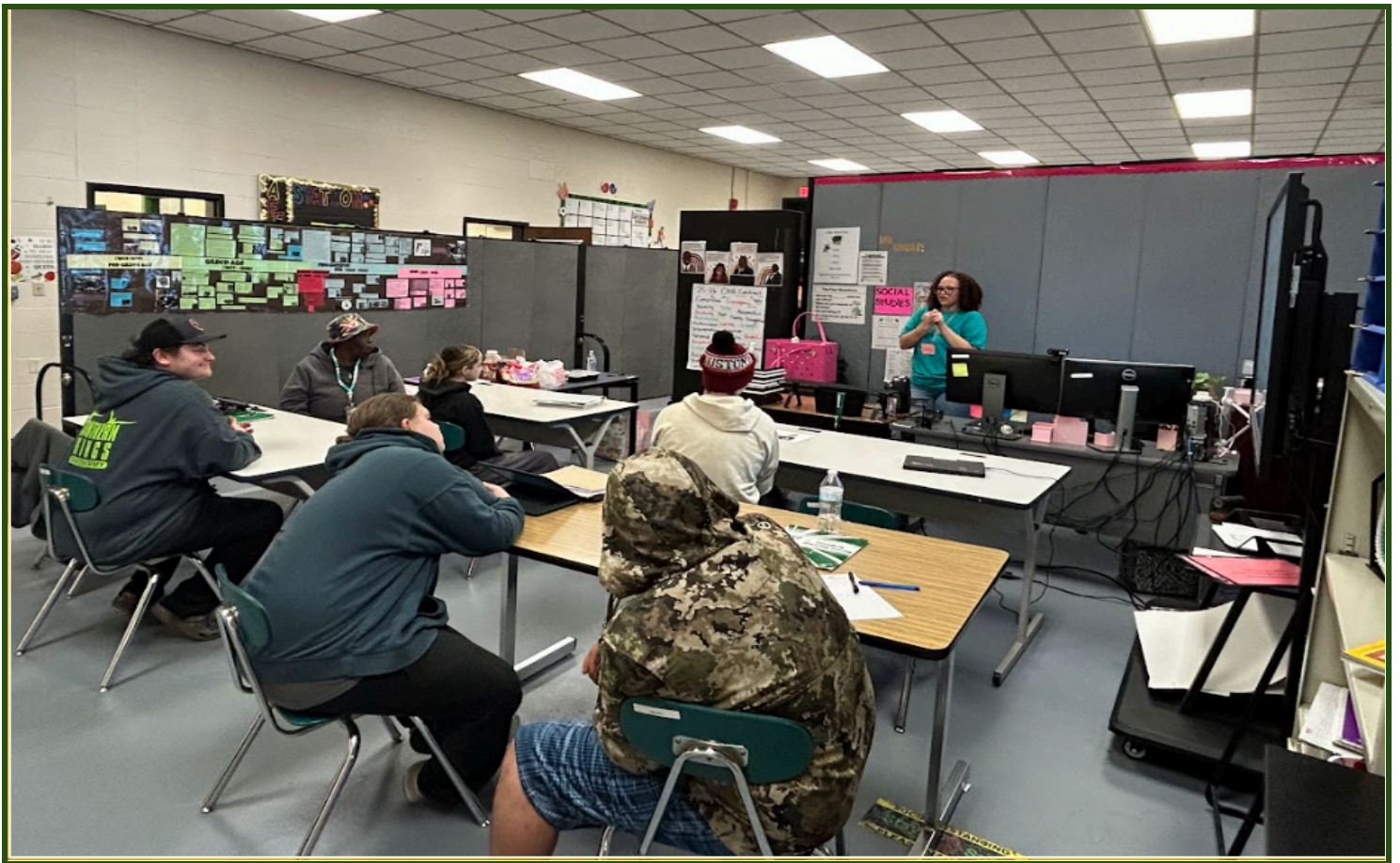
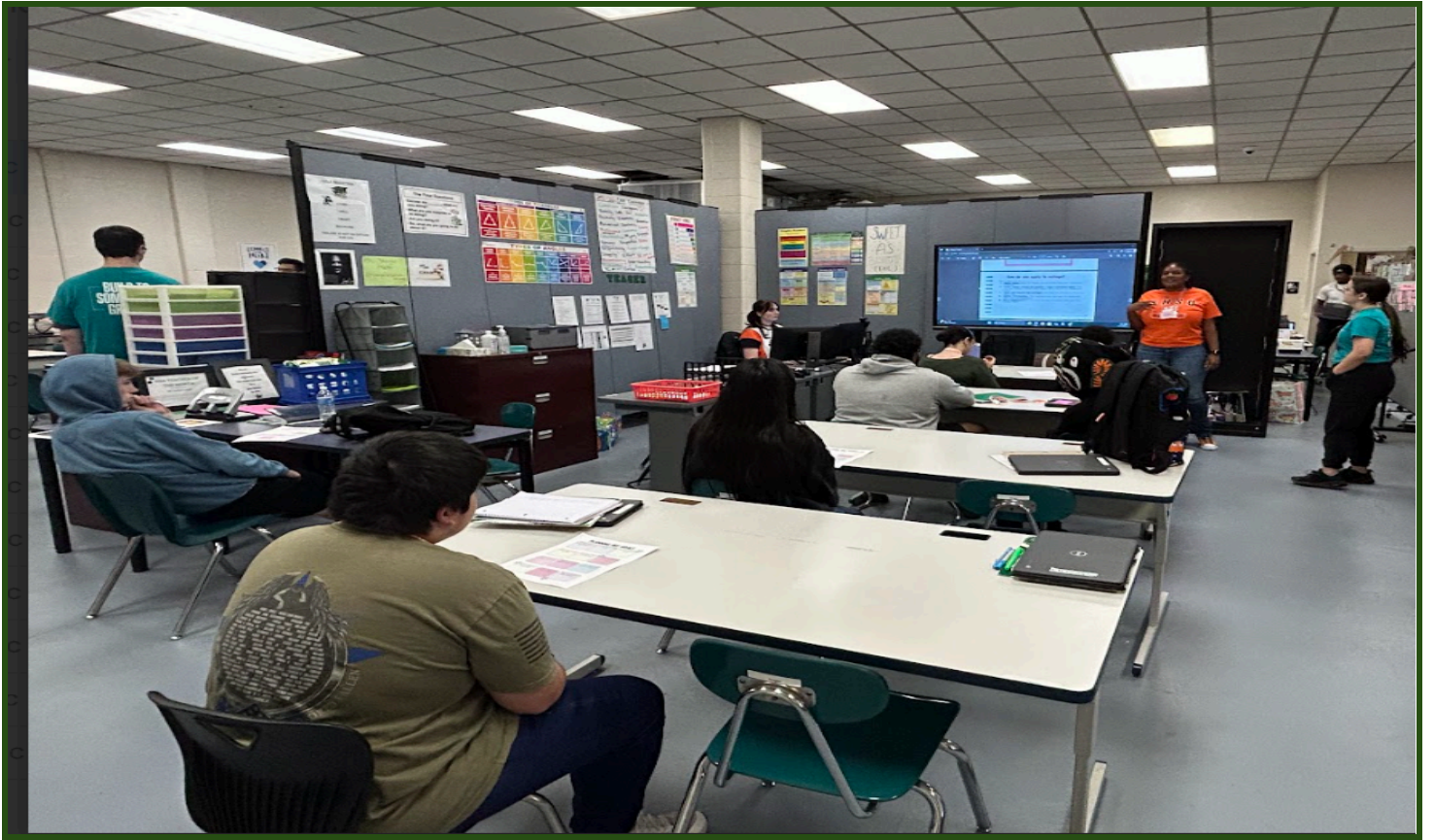
SHSU STUDENTS ENGAGING AND MENTORING OUR HSA STUDENTS

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.



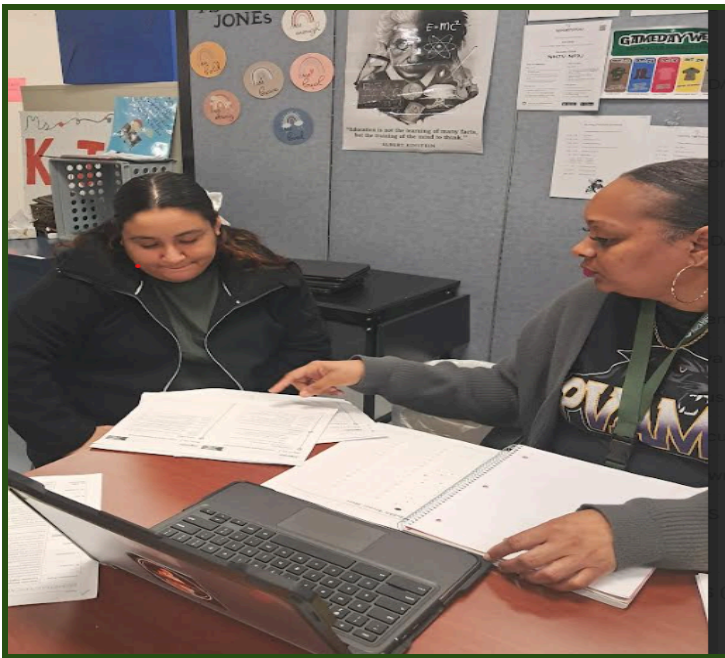




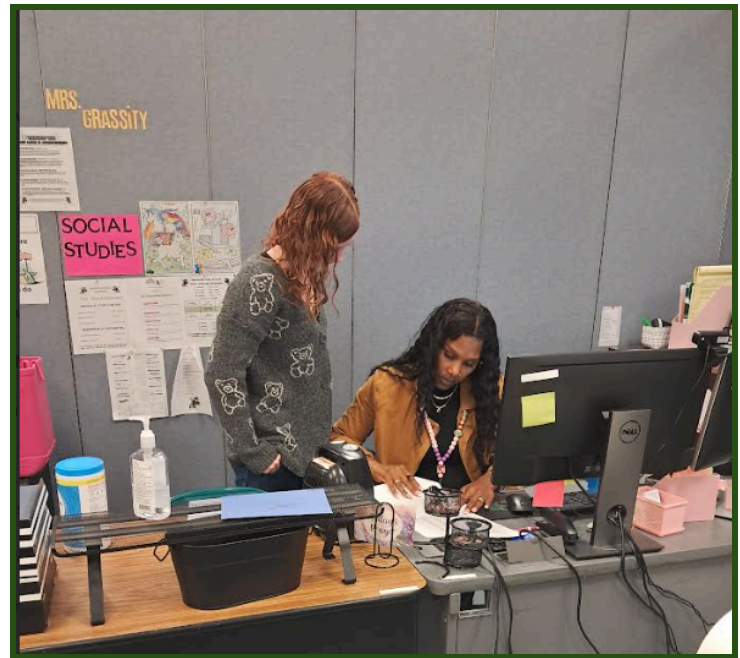
HSA STAFF PREPARE STUDENTS FOR DECEMBER EOC TESTING:

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*.

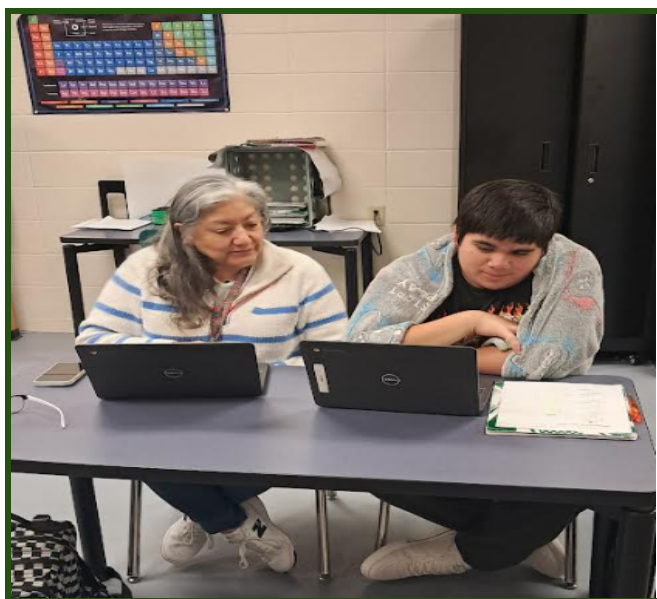
Over the past four years, **95% of HSA students graduate within one year of entering the program**. Most students arrive at HSA needing to pass one or more **End-of-Course (EOC)** assessments, but through individualized instruction, targeted interventions, and a strong support system, they gain the tools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



EOC BIOLOGY INTERVENTION



EOC U.S. HISTORY INTERVENTION



EOC INTERVENTIONS EB SUPPORT



HSA COUNSELOR CR. CHECKSHEET REVIEW

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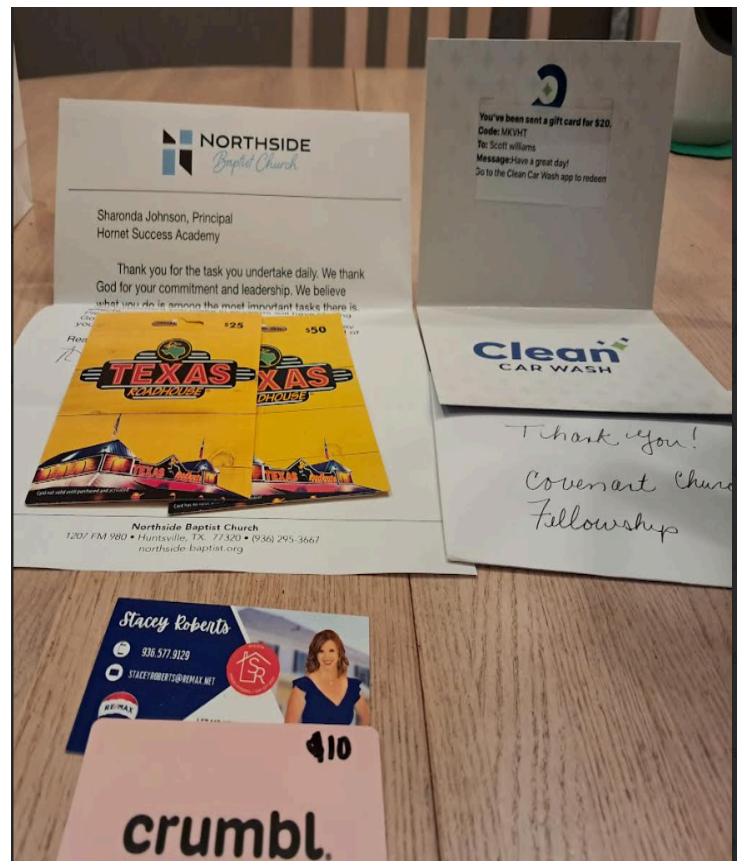
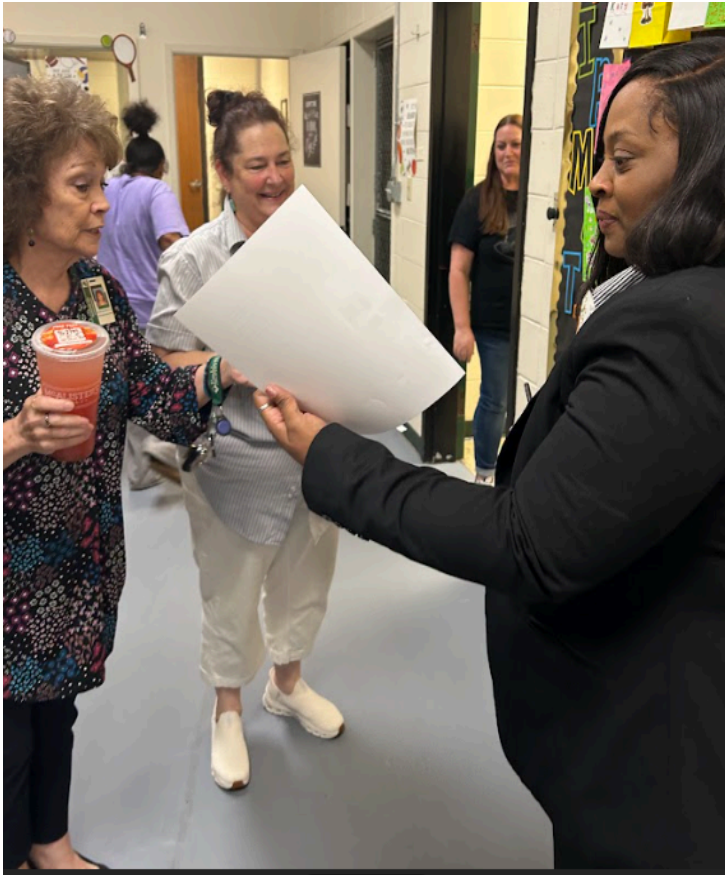
Hornet Success Academy would like to extend a **sincere thank you** to CIS employee **Kirsten Thomas** for her **monthly food donations** to HSA students. Your generosity helps ensure that our students have the nourishment they need to focus, learn, and succeed each day.



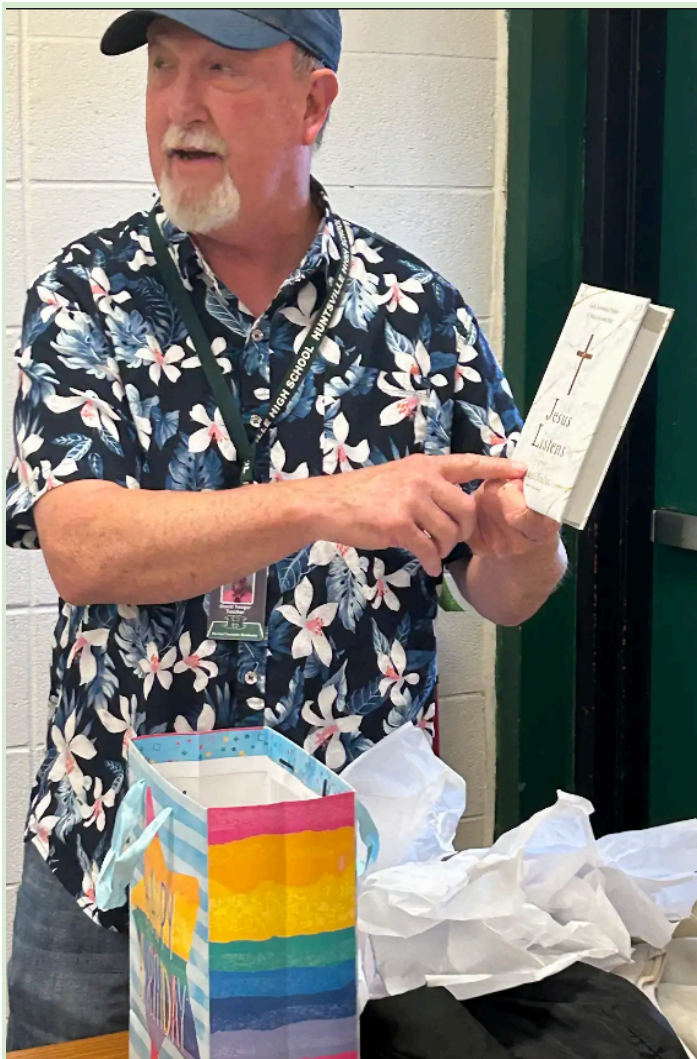
A FEW OF OUR HSA NOVEMBER STAR COURSE COMPLETERS:



HSA DIRECTOR GETS A LITTLE LOVE FOR PRINCIPAL'S MONTH



October Birthday Celebration-Mr. Yeager & Ms. Grassity



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 Joey, Corey, and Mia 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,

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!”