



## Hornet Success Academy Principal Report – 1/15/2025

Great things continue to happen in HSA!

HSA is proud to announce that we have 17 students who are scheduled to graduate from the academy on January 30, 2024 in the PAC at 3:00 p.m. Pastor Travis from North Side Baptist Church will give words of encouragement to the graduates. Our HSA student speaker is a 2023 graduate, Tiara Castro.

HSA has successfully graduated 246 students since the start of the program in 2019, and we are still going strong. The success of the program is possible because of the dedication, support and the hard-work of the students and staff. It takes a village to raise a child, and the commitment by our board, district and campus leadership teams, and the strong, powerful collaborations with our community is equally important to the success of the program. We are a strong community who values our commitment to student success.

HSA is committed to meeting students right where they are and providing them with the social-emotional and academic support to help them thrive after they graduate from the academy. Our motto is to be the change and to give students the chance to succeed in life. They can, they will and they must, because failure is not an option for us.

### **HSA SPRING SNAPSHOT:**

Students completed 80+ semester courses from January 1 through January 15, 2025.

In total HSA students have completed 380 courses since August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### **HSA Enrollment:**

We currently have 60 students enrolled in HSA and 35+ students on the waiting list. Most of our cohort students are 24-25 graduates.

### **HSA NEWS FLASH:**

- Students from SHSU Art Department & Health Science Department will work with our students this semester to provide Art Therapy Sessions and Mentoring/College Preparation sessions for our HSA Spring cohort students.
- HSA Spring Success 101 program will revolve around job skills and internships with SER jobs. Students will participate in gaining job and interview skills (Mar. 6, 2025) and College preparations for all HSA students whose post-secondary goal is to attend college or technical school in Fall 2024.

## WHAT IS NEW AT HSA?

- Edgenuity daily progress goals for students continue as 20% daily for half-day students and 30% for all day HSA students. HSA now offers an A & B Session.
- **HSA Adulting Spring Program** will continue to offer several life-skill sessions on the necessities of daily living (how to change a tire, how to change oil, how to apply for an ID or Social Security card, how to prepare and live on a budget, how to set up a checking/savings account, etc). The goal is to ensure our students acquire real-life post-secondary essential skills for life.
- **HSA will hold a job/career fair in May** for current and previous HSA graduates. The job fair will consist of representatives from local businesses and technical college programs.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- January 8: Spring Parent/student Orientation 4:30 p.m.  
January 14: ASVAB results shared with HSA students 9:30 a.m.  
January 15: CPR training for New HSA students/ HSA Senior Cap/Gown Pictures  
January 16: Ser Jobs/WorkForce Solutions visit  
January 20: **MLK Staff and Student Holiday**  
January 21: Herff Jones Cap and Gown Orders  
January 22: TAFFE Blood Drive  
January 24: TSI testing for HSA students/HSA Progress Reports  
January 28: Johnson speaks at SHSU Health Science Dept.  
January 30: HSA Graduation 3:00 P.M. @PAC (HISD Performing Arts Center)  
January 31: HSA Teacher & Student of the Month Celebration/ Luncheon  
February 4: SHSU Health Science Mentoring Session I  
February 6: SER JOBS JOB SKILLS/INTERVIEWS; HHSTheater Production - **Once Upon A Mattress**  
February 14: End of the fourth six-weeks/SHSU Health Science Mentoring Session II  
February 17: **Professional Development Day**  
February 18: SHSU Health Science Mentoring Session III  
February 27: SHSU Health Science Mentoring Session IV  
March 4: SHSU Health Science Mentoring Session V  
March 10-14: **Spring Break-no school**  
March 27: SHSU Health Science Mentoring Session VI/**HSA Graduation**  
April 2: SHSU Health Science Mentoring Session VII  
April 5: **PROM @SHSU Lowman Center**  
April 11: SHSU Health Science Mentoring Session VIII/ End of the 5th six-weeks  
April 9: EOC English 1 Exam  
April 15: EOC English 2 Exam  
April 18: **Good Friday Holiday**  
April 21: **Professional Development Day**  
April 23: EOC U. S. History Exam/**HSA Graduation**  
April 24: EOC Biology Exam/ HSA Sam Visit \*for EOC complete students only  
April 29: EOC Algebra I  
April 30: **CTE Community Job Fair**  
May 5: **HSA Community Job Fair/Interviews**  
May 22: Early Release/Last day of School  
May 26: Teacher Work day  
May 27: HHS Graduation

## January Staff of the Month: Amaya Scott



Behind every good program is a wonderful, strong, passionate administrative assistant that gives great customer service and takes pride in helping students, staff, and the center thrive. She always has a smile and is willing to help the student succeed, even if it means encouraging students, serving as the school nurse or maintenance worker when things need to be fixed in a pinch.

Ms. Scott has a zeal for servant leadership and a passion for working with at-risk students and helping in whatever capacity is needed. She is calm under pressure and doesn't stop until the job is done. She strives to do her very best each and every day and her goal is always to make a positive impact on those she serves.

HSA staff and students appreciate the hard work and dedication of our administrative assistant.

## HSA IN PICTURES: HSA CHRISTMAS GIFTS & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

In HSA, we believe in helping students succeed and meeting their academic and social emotional needs. By partnering with our local community, we provided every student with groceries during the break, Christmas gifts/cards, and a good hot meal from Canes.



**OUR HSA CHRISTMAS RECIPIENTS:**

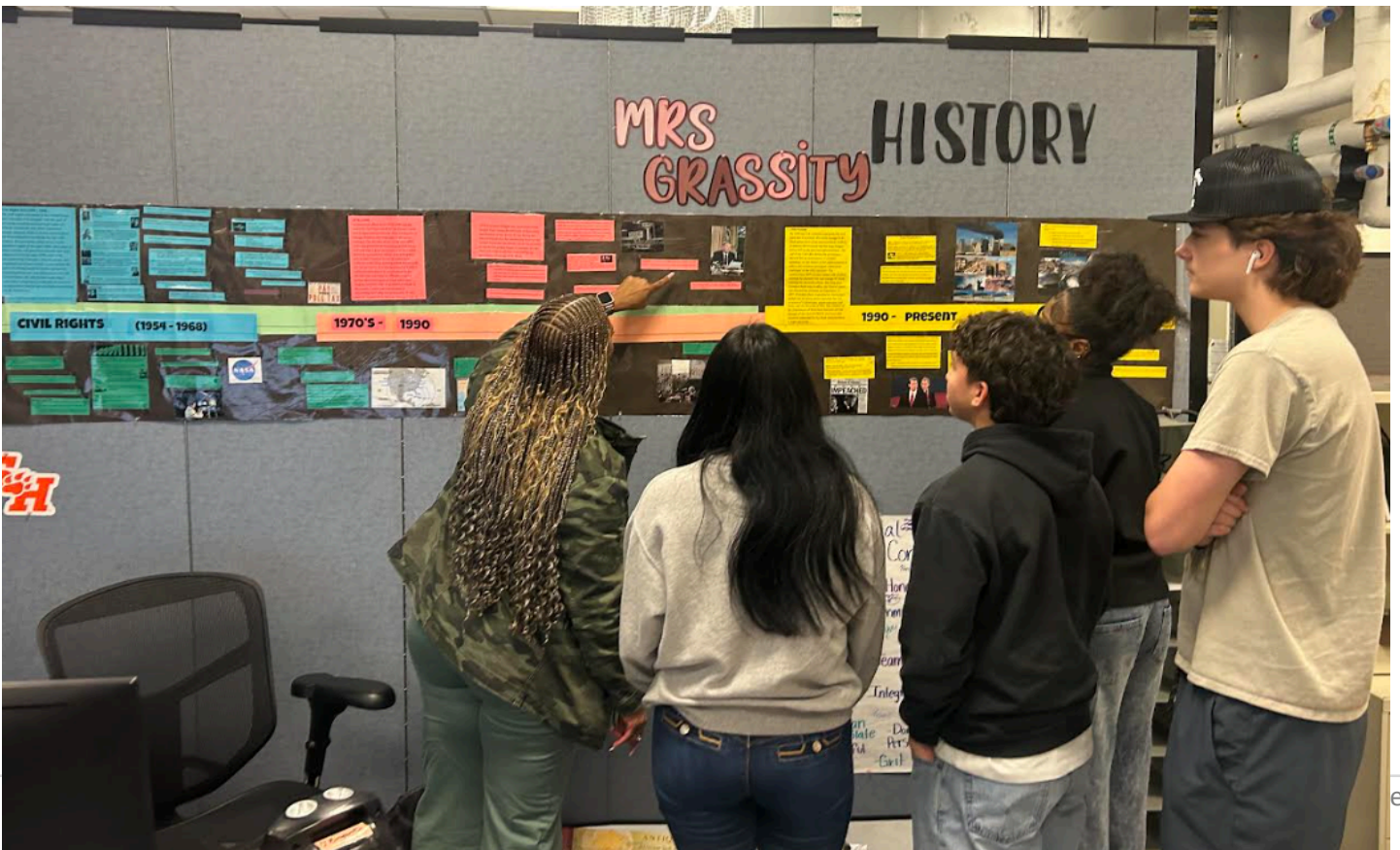


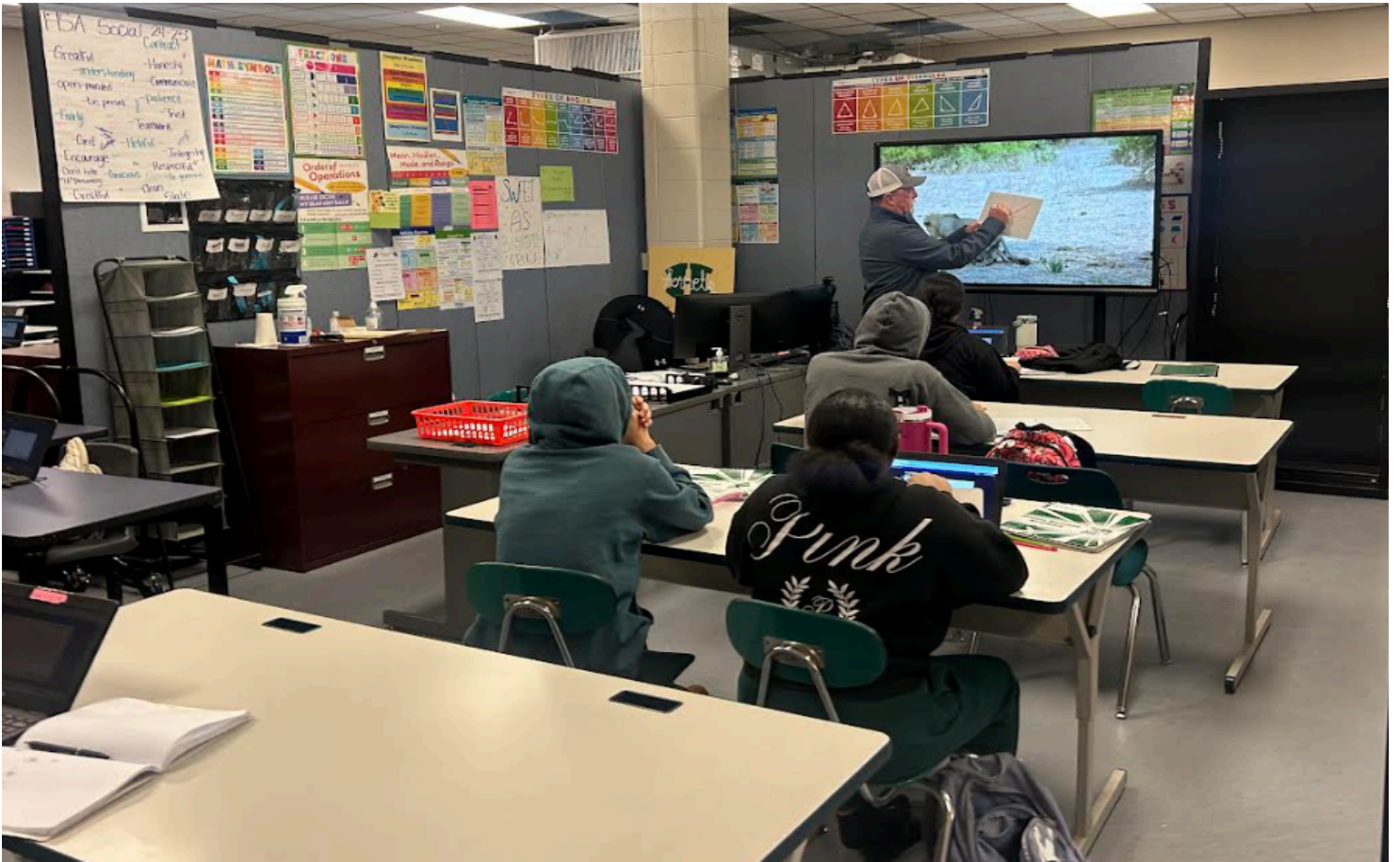
**HSA PARENT/STUDENT ORIENTATION- January 9, 2025**





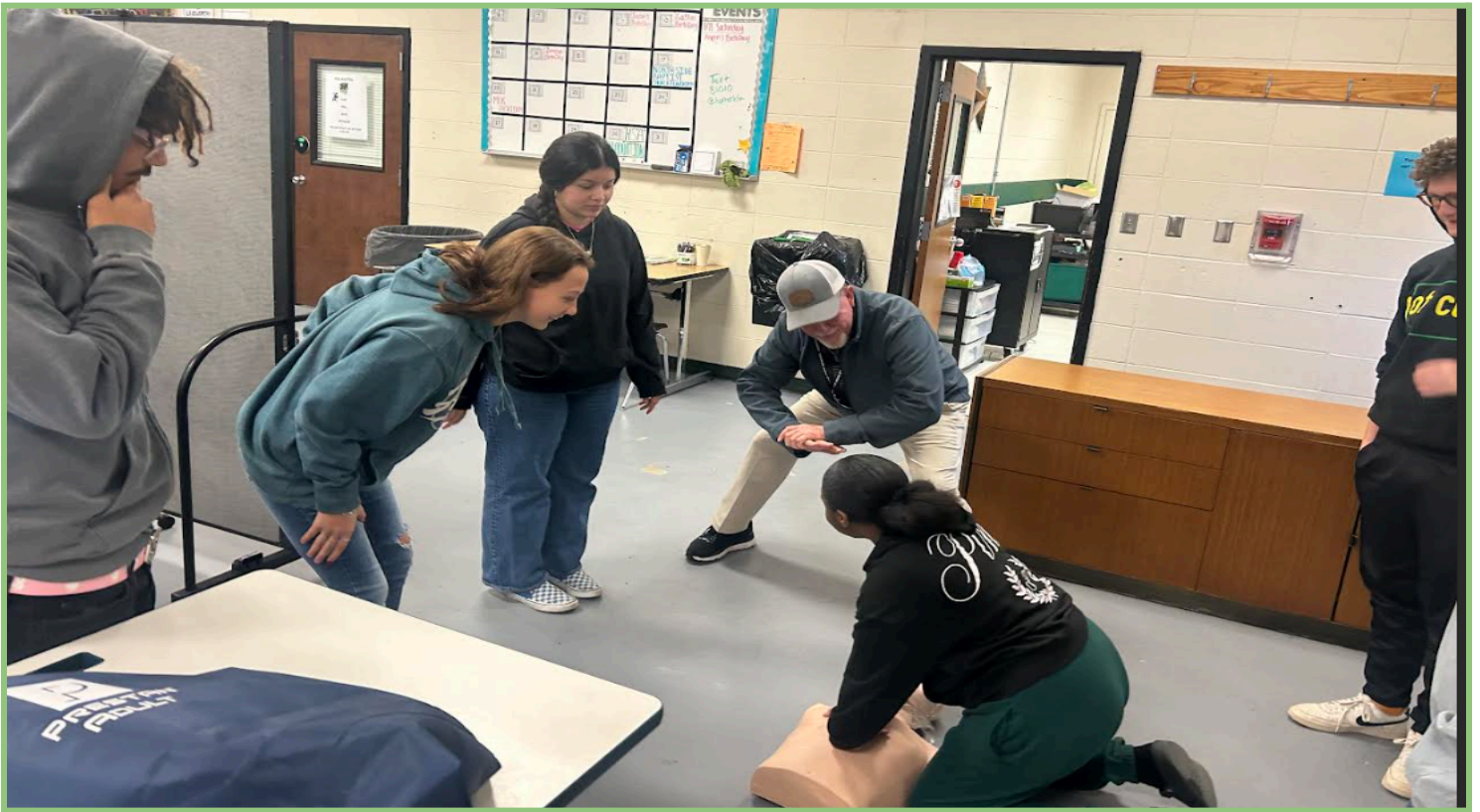
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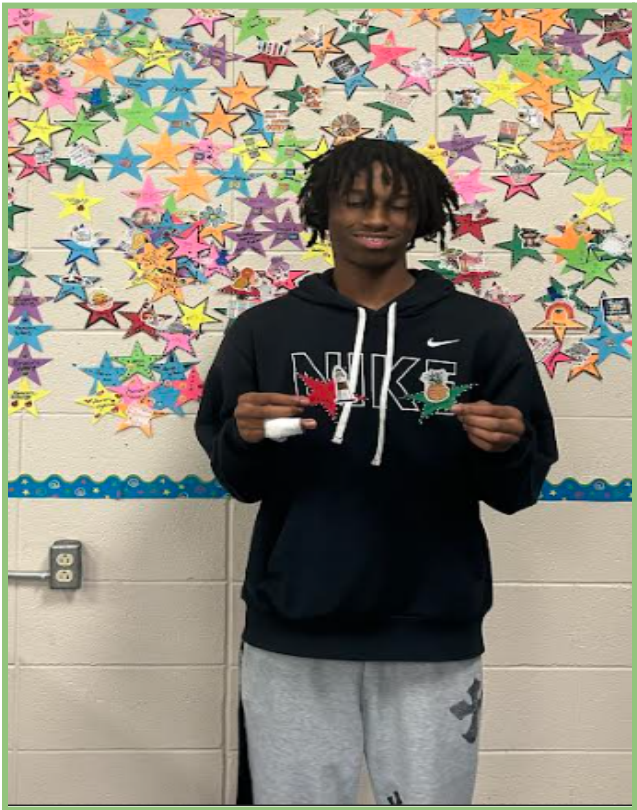




# HSA CPR/POLICE VIDEO SPRING STUDENTS

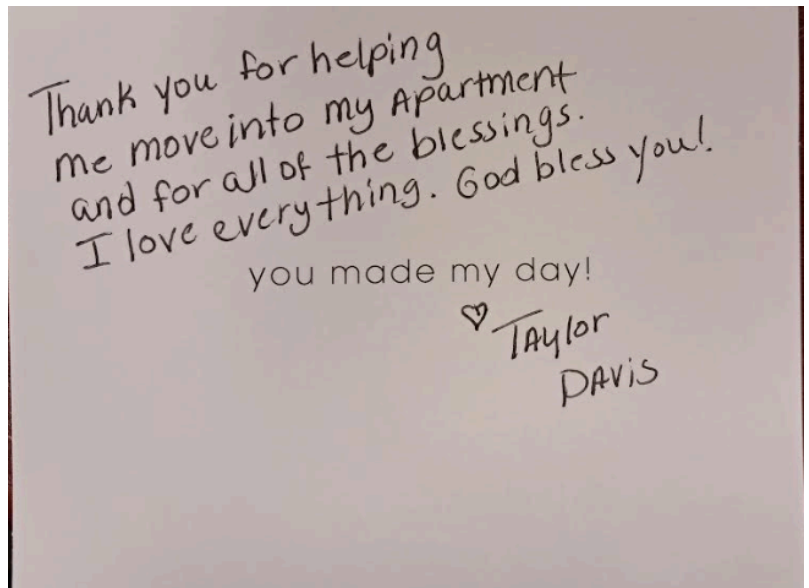


**A FEW STAR COMPLETERS:**



**HISD & THE COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP ALL STUDENTS SUCCEED:**

*Thank you HISD and the community for helping a homeless student and her sibling find an apartment, help furnish the apartment, providing Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner, and gifts. Our help not only helped ease the pain of losing their loved one, but it gave them a leg up to a brighter future. She will graduate from HSA on January 30, 2025. The student is currently working with staff to join the AIRFORCE.*



## HSA DECEMBER GRADUATION

Thank you Pastor Travis Lee of NorthSide Baptist Church and Ms. Bailey Upshaw for the words of encouragement for our graduates.

# Graduation



Bailey UpShaw, HSA Graduation Speaker  
Pastor Travis Lee, Words of Encouragement

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# HSA December Graduation



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A few of our HSA January Graduates



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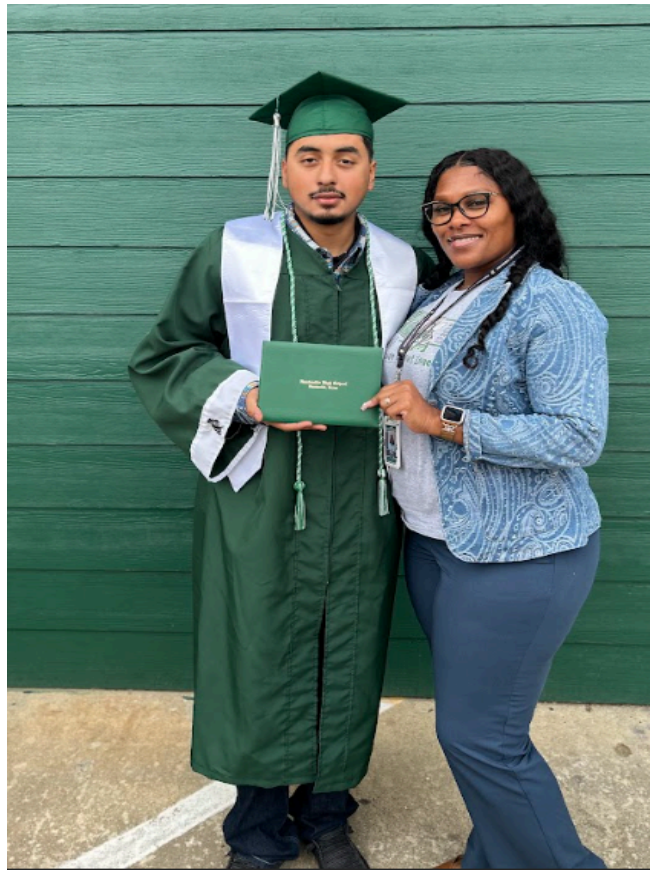
T. Castro

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Warmest Regards,

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*Working together for our students Unlimited Success*