

Dr. Tonya Cross Hansel is a 1995 graduate of Joshua High School. After graduating from JHS, Dr. Hansel attended the University of North Texas where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and graduated with Magna Cum Laude honors. Dr. Hansel continued her education at Tulane University where she received a Master's Degree in Social Work and a Doctorate of Philosophy Degree. Dr. Hansel enlisted in the US Peace Corp and served in Gambia, West Africa as a Health Education Specialist, working on an HIV/AIDS project. Dr. Hansel's work achievements have centered on a career dedicated to research, with an emphasis on human behavior following disasters. Dr. Hansel is currently appointed Director of Research and Evaluation for the Louisiana State University Health Sciences' Center Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Hansel is widely respected for her research endeavors and many of her research papers have been published. Her work has been critical to understanding the recovery efforts following Hurricane Katrina and the Deepwater Horizon Gulf Oil Spill. Joshua ISD is proud to recognize Dr. Tonya Cross Hansel as a 2015 Wall of Fame