

AHOSKIE – If at first you don't succeed, try again. Apparently, that was on the minds of four young ladies from Hertford County High School when they qualified for the 2024 North Carolina High School Athletic Association's Class 2A Track and Field Championships held May 17 in Greensboro. There, Hertford County 4X100 relay team captured the gold medal, winning the event with a time of 49.34 seconds. The HCHS 4×100 relay girls finished in second place in this event last year.

The relay team composed of four standout athletes – Cashmere Cooper, Jada Lloyd, Jamiyah Valentine, and Gabby Hayes – each brought their unique strengths to the race. The team's success can be attributed to their rigorous training schedule, strategic planning, and the unwavering support from their coaches and the school community. That effort allowed these young ladies to win the school's first-ever gold medal in a team-oriented competition. "In a triumph of talent, teamwork, and determination, Hertford County High School's 4×100 relay team has etched their names into the annals of school history," said Ben Anthony, the HCHS girls track coach. "With an undefeated season and a stunning victory at the state championship meet, this remarkable group of student-athletes has brought glory to their school and community."

