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## The Classic Communicator

### Student Classic

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### Comments from the CEO



Dick Schlagel, CEO

#### RECOGNITION MATTERS!

One of the four major ingredients, and perhaps the most important one, is the recognition that students are given for their participation, effort and achievement in the All-American Student Classic.

Each student completing five academic activities and five athletic contests is awarded an attractive certificate and ribbon. A special feature of the awards is the 126 "classy" medals given to participants placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in each of the ten events. Runner-ups are awarded tee shirts. The very top awards presented to the school's All-American Students include a jacket and plaque. They also have their names, grade and the number of points scored recorded on the school's perpetual plaque.

Yes, recognition matters, and it is a vital component of the All-American Student Classic.



Tiffany Van Dusen

**Tiffany has been on the AASC Leadership Team at both Pioneer Middle School and Westfield Elementary in the Porterville Unified School District for the past four years. She is currently on the Bartlett Middle School administrative staff.**

**Q. What three words would you use to describe the All-American Student Classic?**

**A.** Engaging, competitive, positive sportsmanship.

**Q. What has been the most enjoyable and rewarding part of it?**

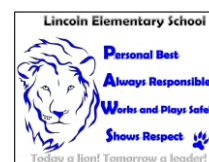
**A.** I've enjoyed watching the students challenge themselves and push themselves to limits they didn't think possible. I've also enjoyed the camaraderie it builds between those competing. The students think of each other as an All-American Family after this experience.

**Q. Major benefits to the school of the student participants?** **A.** When students participate in AASC they become part of a school legacy. They enjoy visiting the school once they have moved on to see their pictures and their names on the perpetual plaque. It's an accomplishment they can be proud of and the school has the privilege of being a part of it.

### Our Special Feature



**Amber Dutto**  
Assistant Principal  
Lincoln  
Elementary School



The three words I would use to describe Lincoln's All American Student Classic would be Inspiring, Collaborative and FUN! We were able to get 100% participation though great support from our Fifth Grade Teaching Team and Leadership Team at Lincoln. We encouraged all students to participate in the Classic and organized our event so that students participated in athletic events during their scheduled PE class time and with the support of their classroom teachers all assessments were given in class first thing each day. A daily morning announcement was made to encourage our fifth graders as they prepared to compete in each day's events and we invited a different grade level each day to cheer on the fifth grade students as they competed in the athletic events. It was great to have the whole school involved. It inspired and excited our students Kindergarten through fourth grade to want to compete when they reach fifth grade.

Reflecting on our first All American Student Classic the part I enjoyed most was watching students overcome being nervous and take risks in trying something new, as this was the first time for many of them to compete in an academic and athletic completion in school. Watching them encourage each other and the positive talk among the students was amazing.

In addition to this, seeing students excel in an area and discover new talents and abilities that they did not know they had was so wonderful to see. Our fifth grade staff also came to each event and participated in the athletic events with the students. The students truly enjoyed seeing their teachers and administration take part in the events as well.

We are looking forward to competing again in the spring. Our students are already talking about what events they want to compete in and ready to take on the challenge of beating their scores from the fall Classic. We are looking forward to a great event.

**"The ALL-AMERICAN STUDENT CLASSIC has all of the major facets for a successful and enjoyable school event - participation, action, choices, competition, sportsmanship, achievement, challenges, and most important RECOGNITION".**

## “Getting Kids Fired Up About School”

### “What they said”

My experience doing the All-American Classic was AMAZING! I never thought I would win overall. I was so shocked when my name was called to receive my jacket and plaque. I had a lot of fun with all of the different activities, I hope next year’s participants do as well. I will never forget this year!

*Liseth Santos - 8th Grade All-American Student  
Alta Vista School*

The All American Student Classic put me on the right track in life... from something fun to do at school, to showing me that I could accomplish things I set my mind to. I have never been so surprised as when I was announced as the winner in the 8th Grade. What a shock! After it, I really started to break out of my introverted shell. One week of 8th grade set me onto a new path in life.

*Al Hearne, Jr. Assistant Superintendent of Instruction,  
Redwood Christian Schools, San Lorenzo, CA*

The highlight of my middle school experience was the All- American Competition. Combining athletics and academics made for a competition like non other. It granted the opportunity for any student to medal in one of the events while some students took the motivation to excel in all in order to compete for the coveted All-American crown. 28 years ago I participated and I still have vivid memories of myself participating in some of the events and I also still have my medals. I think the concept is fantastic and highly recommend all schools to host an All- American Competition.

*Donnie Moore, Leisure Services Superintendent  
City of Porterville*



### President’s Pointers

*Bob Pugh, President  
All-American Student Classic*



We here at All American Student Classic love the pictures taken of the participants during the events. Nothing can relate the fun they're having or the intensity of competition like a picture of the kids in action. That is the reason we'd like to have pictures of your event sent to us. We would like to start featuring a “Picture Board” on our website showing off all the kids as they participate in their Classic Event.

So please take a minute to go through your pictures you've taken of kids in the classroom during the academic events, or kids competing in the physical events. And please send some pictures taken during the Awards Assembly. The pictures of the kids being recognized for their achievements lets us all know just how much the All American Student Classic is affecting their young lives.

Send pictures to: [lauriepugh@allamericanstudentclassic.com](mailto:lauriepugh@allamericanstudentclassic.com)

### Mt. Vernon 2015 All-American Students



#### Bakersfield City School District Afterschool Program

From left to right: Angel Romero 4th Grade, Andres Flores 6th Grade, Heidi Vega 4th Grade, Albert Valdenegro 5th Grade, Jeweliza Melendes 6th Grade, Brianna Cervantes 5th Grade

### Lincoln Elementary School - Exeter 2015



#### Exeter Superintendent Attends Lincoln Elementary School All-American Student Classic Awards Assembly

From left to right: Dick Schlagerl - All-American Student Classic CEO, Tim Hire - Exeter Superintendent, and Bob Pugh, All-American Student Classic President

### Pioneer Middle School 2012 All-American Students



#### All-American Student Classic 1st Event - May, 2012

From left to right: Armando Gonzalez and Ann Karen Rodriguez, 7th grade, and Isaac Perez and Kaycie Heinds, 8th grade.

**“The array of testimonials received from students, staff and parents has been heart-warming and encouraging. Leadership and teamwork, along with planning, promotion and recognition are necessary for a successful ALL-AMERICAN STUDENT CLASSIC®”**