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## The Classic Communicator

### Student Classic

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#### Comments from the CEO



Dick Schlagel, CEO

One of the special features of our new website will be a two page quarterly newsletter. We will want to focus on information about the Classic and give recognition to student participants, the school leadership teams, and various awards and accomplishments of the event.

Our first feature in this, our initial Summer 2015 issue, will recognize Vanessa Reilly, 8th Grade teacher at Alta Vista School the past three years. Her leadership and organization skills are superb. Please feel free to offer any suggestions for our website, and especially for the newsletter. Your input will be greatly appreciated.



Ramona Ortega

#### Alta Vista 7th Grader Breaks Scoring Record with 945 Points!

Ramona Ortega, 7th Grader, Alta Vista School, scored 945 points for an all-time high score of any previous All-American Student Classic event. She also was awarded 8 medals for her efforts. This too is a record.



KellyAnn Whited

#### First time Event Essay Winner

Kelly Ann Whited (pictured here) and Johan Cervantes topped all 56 grade 8 students at Alta Vista, with their winning essays 'What is an All-American Student.' They were recognized at the awards assembly and also at the 8th Grade Graduation ceremony. Each received a beautiful 11 x 14 framed certificate for this achievement.

"As students advance into adulthood, they face choices, challenges, competition, problem solving, project completion and much more. These are all a part of the **ALL-AMERICAN STUDENT CLASSIC®**. The many benefits a school receives from sponsoring this event on campus are special and lasting."

#### Our Special Feature



Vanessa Reilly  
Event Director  
Alta Vista  
Elementary School

Q: Describe in 3 words what the All-American Student Classic is all about?

A: *Dedication, Drive and Desire I would also like to tack on School Spirit and Pride.*

Q: What do you enjoy best about being the Event Director at Alta Vista School?

A: *There are many things I enjoy about being Event Director. I get to run the meetings and lead a team of phenomenal individuals. As the teacher in the classroom, I get to discuss it and use it as a "carrot" for an extraordinary event on campus. I know that with me in charge things will get done in a timely manner because I am organized and have wonderful people to work with on the week's events. I run the events and get to sit back and watch the kids be successful in the academics and athletics. Most of all, I get to see the many hidden strengths of our students or watch the ones that are born to do well SHINE! It is my favorite time of the year!*

Q: What is the greatest challenge you face in sponsoring the event?

A: *Honestly, the greatest challenge during this week is getting information out to the parents for their involvement. I want to see more parents. My team, the teachers who help and the students make this week run smoothly. Being organized from the Fall is the best way to go. Talking about it throughout the year gets the kids excited.*

*Presenting it to the Board or other events gives AVS the pat on the back and recognition it deserves. This program makes our school...our students look great!*

Q: Which is your favorite activity of the Event?

A: *As a track person, you would think I would say the running event. However, it is the obstacle course that I love. I look for a new obstacle to add each year to shake it up. It is the best way to end the week. It is exciting when staff gets involved (for example our Principal raced his 8th grade son this year). And the whole school comes out to support our kids.*

*I am looking forward to what next year brings. A few new obstacles will be added to the obstacle course....we are already in talks. I cannot wait. So thankful to you that you brought the Classic to us.*

*And so thankful to the positive exposure Alta Vista is receiving because of it. I absolutely love it!*

**"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”

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*Vanessa Reilly, Event Director, Alta Vista School, Porterville*

“When I think of an All-American Student, I think of somebody who tries their best in everything they do. Somebody who gives it their all, no matter what the circumstances.”

*Kelly Ann Whited, 8th grade 2015 All-American Student, and also the Essay winner, Alta Vista School*

“It was exciting to see students so focused and actively involved in the academic and physical challenges.”

*Lisa Lambie, Principal, 2015 West Putnam’s All-American Student Classic*

“The All-American Student Classic is a very good program to recognize kids. It gets them involved. Its also an event that kids look forward to participating in and possibly get a medal, which they can keep.”

*Reddy Adhi, Parent, Pau Cato Middle School, Bakersfield School District*

“This program will do more to instill positive stuff and student attitudes - Esprit de Corps - than any other program that might be brought into the district. This one week event will change the environment for the good of your school for weeks after it is over...and the potential to change the lives of some students for a lifetime.”

*Bob Pugh, President, ALL-AMERICAN STUDENT CLASSIC*

“It was fun and engaging.”

*Israel Longoria, Event Director, 2015 West Putnam ALL-AMERICAN STUDENT CLASSIC*

### Bakersfield City Schools Sponsor AASC

We are so thrilled to have the Bakersfield City School District join us in sponsoring the Classic as part of their after-school program. Paul L. Cato, a new middle school, along with Williams and Mt. Vernon Elementary Schools are the first schools in our event’s history to conduct the Classic as an after-school program activity.

The three event directors are to be commended for their leadership, promotion, and commitment for successful events at their campus. Melissa Ramos is the Event Director at Paul L. Cato Middle School. She is making plans to make next year’s Classic even more exciting.

Brianna Alvarez, Event Director at Williams Elementary School and Malynn Sanchez, Event Director at Mt. Vernon Elementary are to be commended for their time, energy and organizational skills.

We are also very appreciative and grateful to Deanna Clarke, District Director for the Bakersfield City Schools after-school programs, and also the members of the Bakersfield City School Board for their outstanding support.

### Westfield 2015 All-American Students



Pictured left to right: Elizabeth Steenberg, 5th grade, Ava Steele, 6th Grade, Jasius Taggs, 6th Grade Andrew Bounyavong, 5th grade

### West Putnam 2015 All-American Students



Pictured left to right: 6th Grade All-American winner Alan Perez, Runner ups Rachel Castro, Avah Gonzalez, Pedro Alvarez, Michael Diaz, 6th Grade All-American winner Carolina Garcia

### Alta Vista 2015 All-American Students



Pictured left to right, front row: Cody Ned, 7th grade, Ramona Ortega, 7th grade, KellyAnn Whited, 8th Grade, and Danny Alvarado, 7th 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®”**