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The Classic Communicator

Student Classic

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Comments from the CEO



Dick Schlagel, CEO

LEADERSHIP MATTERS!
In our last issue of the newsletter, our article featured: Recognition Matters! This current issue/article will feature Leadership Matters! The school's leadership team should be composed of three to five staff members who will have the major responsibility of planning, promoting and presenting the All-American Student Classic.

This leadership team would be composed of the following: **1.** Event Director **2.** Coordinator of Academics **3.** Coordinator of Athletic Activities **4.** Coordinator of Awards and the school assembly program **5.** Coordinator of Publicity. This team would recruit other personnel to work with them for a very smooth, rewarding and successful event. The AASC consultants are highly committed to provide quality and timely services to your event's leadership team.

Some
"Classic"
Figures

- 4.....Number of students recognized as the school's All-American Students (boy-girl) grades 5-6 or (boy-girl) grades 7-8
- 7.....Number of school's in Bakersfield City School District's After-School program participating in 2015-2016
- 8.....Number of Runner-up students (2nd and 3rd place overall) recognized at each All-American Student Classic
- 10.....Number of questions on each academic test for grades 5-6 students
- 20.....Number of questions on each academic test for grades 7-8 students
- 100...Total number of points for each of the ten events a student competes in during the AASC
- 126...Total number of Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals presented at each AASC Awards Assembly
- 945...All-time high number of points scored by Alta Vista's Ramona Ortega, 7th grade student, during the 2015 Classic
- 1,000.Total number of points possible in the All-American Student Classic (500 Academic and 500 Athletic points)
- 3000.Total number of student participants

Our Special Feature



Deanna Clarke
Afterschool Program Coordinator
Bakersfield City School District

- Q. What are your major responsibilities?
- A. To ensure the Mission of our After School Program. The Mission of the After School Education and Safety Program is to provide a safe after school education, enrichment, and youth development program for first through eighth grade students in the Bakersfield City School District.
- Q. What do you enjoy most about your position?
- A. We are so happy with the youth development program of All-American Student Classic events. It has given our students the opportunity to receive recognition for their participation, effort and achievement. Students are able to have fun, collaborate and be creative at the same time. Students who have participated in the program feel very proud of their accomplishments and strive to set goals and do their best. The program is encouraging and positive for each child.
- Q. What do you think is the most exciting part of the Classic?
- A. This program aligns with our District's Value, Vision and Mission Statement, "The Bakersfield City School District ensures a collaborative and learning community where all students are inspired to achieve academic excellence and become life-long learners and productive citizens."
- Q. Are you getting any feedback from your Event Directors?
- A. The feedback from the program is that it is very well done, organized and fun for the students. The site coordinators want the program to return next year. They said the students really enjoy the positive challenges and rewards.
- Q. What are the chances of getting over 50% of your schools to participate?
- A. I believe as the other schools see the positive results from the program more of our schools will want to participate. I would invite you to come to another meeting to share the positive results.
Thank You for a great program!

"Life is full of choices, challenges and competition. The All-American Student Classic is that unique event which offers all three in a wholesome school environment. The many benefits a school receives in sponsoring the All-American student Classic on campus are special and lasting".

"Getting Kids Fired Up About School"

Our New Team Member



Penni Rogers
Office Manager
All-American Student Classic

- Q.** When did you start the new assignment with AASC?
- A.** I started working for AASC in January 2016.
- Q.** What do you enjoy most about your position?
- A.** What I enjoy most is working for great people who are excited about what they are doing and truly want to improve the quality of education for our children.
- Q.** What are your major responsibilities?
- A.** My responsibilities include: Bookkeeping. Filing & office procedures. Entering contracts into our customer relationship manager software (Insightly). Contacting schools & getting the appropriate program information to them. Ordering program products.
- Q.** What have you found as the most challenging part of the assignment?
- A.** I have found that the most challenging part of the assignment is getting started and fitting into the role.
- Q.** What do you like to do in your "spare" time?
- A.** I am a Community Club Leader & Project Leader for Vandalia 4-H, so I devote a great deal of my time to working with children in agriculture. My daughter and I also raise Pygmy goats and travel many weekends to compete in shows.



President's Pointers

Bob Pugh, President
All-American Student Classic



We are happy to report that we continue to improve and expand the way we are "Getting Kids Fired Up About School!" This past year, 2015, has been an exciting and busy one for the All-American Student Classic.

- Quarterly Newsletters and updated information can be found on the "NEWS" tab on our website. The "SCHOOLS" tab will allow schools contracted to run the All American Student Program to be issued a secured code to receive information such as; recording scores which will allow computer to finalize all awards for the Awards Assembly, answer keys, tests, and a Leadership Packet for training.
- Alta Vista School in Porterville offered an optional event for 8th Graders. An essay event, "What makes an All American Student?" attracted 56 students who submitted very outstanding papers. Awards were given to a girl and boy at the 8th Grade Graduation!
- The All American Student Classic was invited to attend the Bakersfield City School District Consultants Fair. Many new friends and contacts were established.
- In 2015, we were able to run 16 successful programs.
- We ran 7 after school programs last year. Seven After School Programs have already signed to run the All American Student Classic in the Spring of 2016.
- Plans are being finalized to present at the 1st Association of California School Administrators Mid-State Four Regions Conference in San Luis Obispo. We are looking forward to sharing the All-American Student Classic with more school Administrators in California.
- The All-American Student Classic is currently seeking Associates. For more information, contact: Bob Pugh at 559-359-4234 or bob@aastudentclassic.com

Jefferson Elementary School



Bakersfield City School District After-School Program
All-American Students Displaying their Awards, Jackets, Medals & Plaques
for being named Jefferson's 2016 All-American Students at the awards assembly held on February 26, 2016
From left to right: Kevin A., Lizbeth G., Perla P., and Carlos C.

Academic Test Time



David and Jazmin are busy completing their final Academic Test
Students are given five academic tests and also compete in athletic contests during the one week event. Medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place are awarded for each academic test and athletic contest.

Leadership Matters!



Ruth Miranda, Event Director - Bob Pugh, AASC President
Ruth Miranda receives some of the awards which are given out at the Classic All School Awards Assembly. Bob Pugh, AASC President, makes sure all awards are available for the school's assembly. Student recognition is a major component of the event.

"The time and efforts spent on promoting and presenting the All-American Student Classic at your school is minimal compared to the major benefits derived from this all-school event such as participation, competition, sportsmanship, decision-making, self-esteem and student recognition."