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## The Classic Communicator

### Student Classic

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### Comments from the CEO



*Dick Schlagel, CEO*

### Have You Heard?

Striving for Excellence...

Yes, this is a major goal for the All-American Student Classic.

This particular goal includes excellence in the following:

- in the Academic and Athletic events
- in Competition, Participation, Sportsmanship and Recognition
- by offering Quality Services to the school's Leadership Team, Event Director and participating students

- first-class products
- attractive awards
- Awesome Awards Assembly
- Informative website: [aastudentclassic.com](http://aastudentclassic.com)

As we continue to strive for excellence, the more "Kids Will Get Fired Up About School."

**That...**by December 2016, the All-American Student Classic will have approximately 5,000 student participants.

**That...** Don Erwin, our event's first Associate, has signed up his first participating schools: Woodville Elementary in Tulare County, and Roosevelt Elementary in the Bakersfield City School District. Congratulations Don!

**That...** we have teamed up with the Pathways Program at Granite Hills High School, in the Porterville Unified School District. The first project was having several students from the Digital Communications class do a series of video clips for our website. These clips will feature four Alta Vista Elementary School students demonstrating various athletic events. We are so grateful for Kim Ramirez and Adam Thompkins, staff members at GHHS, along with Vanessa Reilly, Event Director, Alta Vista Elementary School for their coordination, leadership and participation in this first Pathways activity.

**That...** we are expanding the AASC event to Grade 4 students. The academic tests have been completed and they will participate in the five athletic activities including the 50 Yard Dash, 880 Yard Run, Softball Throw, Basketball Toss and the popular Obstacle Course. Welcome aboard 4th graders!

### Our Special Interview



**Amanda Renteria**  
Assistant Principal  
Rocky Hill Elementary School  
Exeter Unified School District

**Q:** What is the most challenging part of sponsoring this event?

**A:** The most challenging part of sponsoring Rocky Hill's AASC is correcting the tests and inputting the scores into the excel spreadsheet.

**Q:** What three words would you say describes best the All-American Student Classic?

**A:** The three words I would use to describe this event are memorable, exhilarating, highly anticipated!!

**Q:** What is your favorite event of the Classic?

**A:** My favorite athletic event is the 50 yard dash. It's the most exciting to watch and because we do them in heats, we see several of the fastest runners, but they don't know who really won until the ceremony. This is also the athletic event that I always participate in. They students like to challenge me and I take them on. Last year, a student asked me if he could have my All-American Student Classic hat. I told him that he would have to beat me in the 50 yard dash for it. We agreed but I came out the winner!!

**Q:** What advice would you give to a school and its Event Director for conducting the AASC for the first time?

**A:** My advice to an event director is that you really do need a strong leadership team to help put this event on. Without my AASC leadership team, there's no way the events or the award ceremony would come alive the way it does.

**Q:** What do you personally like best about the AASC?

**A:** I like the anticipation the 4th grade students have to hold on to when they are the spectators of the events and ceremony. I believe it gives them something to look forward to.

**Q:** How many students participated in your event?

**A:** 117 5th grade students participated. 96 students completed 10 events to receive the certificate and ribbon.

**"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”

### Woodville Celebrates All-American Student Week



### President's Pointers

*Bob Pugh, President  
All-American Student Classic*

All American Student Classic continues to make our program “User Friendly”. We are very close to having all academic tests computerized. That will mean schools will have the ability to have students take the tests on the computer. When the student submits his/her test it will be graded, scored and recorded instantly! Results will automatically prepare the results for the awards. We really do “Get Kids Fired Up About School.” And now we really do get staff fired up about testing! EASY---PEASY!

Funding the All American Student Classic

As our website says, there are a variety of Funding Sources to defray the costs of the All American Student Classic. Some schools use:

- General Funds
- Lottery Money
- Title I Program (Federal Funding)
- There are a number of unrestricted funds that can be used for the All American Student Classic.
- Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Funds.

LCAP money focuses on Student Engagement – Education Goals – School Climate.

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### AASC Winners - Woodville Elementary - L-R

Omar Espinoza, 6th; Mariann Cuevas, 6th; Jennifer Gonzalez, 5th;  
Erik Sanchez, 5th



### 5th Grade runner-ups, L-R:

Jennifer Garcia, Lizet Garcia, Gabriel Gonzalez, Aidan Gonzalez



### 6th Grade runner-ups, L-R:

Sonia Granados, Jovanny Quintero, Kevin Zavala, Fatima Madrigal



“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.”