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Student Classic

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Comments from the CEO



Dick Schlagel, CEO

As a teacher for six years, and school principal for three decades, I would always like to set goals for the new school year.

These goals would focus on my classes, students, schools, staff and my personal goals.

- Goals should be written
- Goals should be obtainable
- Goals should be challenging
- Goals need to be shared with your students, staff, district personnel and parents

As CEO of our AASC, I have made the following goals for the new 2019-2020 school year.

1. Increase our student participation in the AASC from 7,800 students to 10,000 by June 30, 2020.
2. Contact each school district in Tulare and Kings County.
3. Discuss various options with school administrators.
4. Increase the number of schools participating in the 3rd annual McDermont AASC Invitational from 8 to 15.



ALL-AMERICAN STUDENT CLASSIC

All-American Student's Ten Commandments

1. I will report to each event and activity on time, ready to participate.
2. I will listen carefully to the directions of each event.
3. I will display good sportsmanship as I compete in each of my ten events.
4. I will respect each of the judges' decisions.
5. I will read each academic test question carefully, and then answer it to the best of my ability.
6. I will cross barriers and take risks when necessary.
7. I will be grateful for all of my accomplishments and awards that I received.
8. I will continually strive for excellence in each of my five academic tests and each of my five athletic contests.
9. I will thing BIG and aim HIGH.
10. I will never give up.

SPECIAL INTERVIEW

1. What is this All-American Student Classic?

• The All-American Student Classic (AASC) is an event for middle grade students (grades 4-8) featuring academics, sportsmanship and athletics.

2. What are its major features?

• Ten activities, no cost to the students, promotes a positive school environment and builds school morale for both students and staff. Gets kids fired up about school and Award Ceremony.

3. When did you start the AASC?

• The first AASC event was held in May 1980 at Bartlett Junior High School in Porterville, CA. After being conducted for 15 years it was dormant until it was started up again February 2012.

4. How many students have now participated in the event?

• Approximately 7,800

5. What are the event's activities?

• There are ten, five academic (Math, Science, History, Reading, English) and five athletic (50 yard dash, 880 yard dash, softball throw, basketball toss, obstacle course).

6. When can it be held?

• Fall, winter, spring, summer school and after-school.

7. What three words would you use to describe the AASC?

• First Class • Smiles • Recognition

8. How can I find out more about the AASC?

• Visit our very informative and interesting website (allamericanstudentclassic.com) you will be able to view our newsletters, our vast array of awards, numerous testimonials, and much more.

"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 thing I set me 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. Superintendent

BY THE NUMBERS...



- 2...McDermont AASC Invitationals
- 3...Medals, Gold, Silver, Bronze awards in each event
- 5...Academic Tests
- 5...Athletic contests
- 7...Number of AASC by Alta Vista School (2013-2019)
- 10...Total number of events in AASC
- 10...Number of questions our academic tests (Grade 4-5-6)
- 20...Number of questions our academic tests (Grade 7-8)
- 45...Number of medals - each grade level
- 100...Number of possible points - each of the ten events
- 134...Number of student participants in the 2nd annual AASC Invitational held on June 1, 2019
- 955...Top score of any AASC participant, Fatime Torrez 8th grade student, Pixley Middle School, May 2018
- 7,800...Number of student participants (2012-2019)
- 10,000...Goal for student participants by June 30, 2020

AASC: An A to Z Event

- A** ♦ Academics, Affordable, Athletics, Awards Assembly
- B** ♦ Basketball Toss, Backpacks, Banner
- C** ♦ Certificates, Consulting Services, Competition, Computerized
- D** ♦ Decision, 50 Yard Dash
- E** ♦ Essays, Engagement, Excellence, English
- F** ♦ First-Class, “Fired up for School”
- G** ♦ “Go for the Gold”
- H** ♦ History
- I** ♦ Innovative
- J** ♦ Jackets (First All-American Student Award)
- K** ♦ Kick-off Assembly
- L** ♦ Leadership Team
- M** ♦ Medals, Motivation, Math, Mission, Memorable Moments
- N** ♦ Newsletter
- O** ♦ Obstacle Course
- P** ♦ Posters, All-American Perpetual Plaque, Participation
- Q** ♦ Questions, 10 and 20 Question Tests
- R** ♦ Recognition, Ribbons, Reading
- S** ♦ Science, Softball Throw, Sportsmanship
- T** ♦ Testimonials
- U** ♦ United
- V** ♦ Vision, Victory
- W** ♦ World-Class, Website
- X** ♦ X Event Classic, X Star Event
- Y** ♦ 800 Yard Run, Yeoman’s Service
- Z** ♦ Zeal, Zest, Zip



President’s Pointers

Bob Pugh, President

All-American Student Classic

In the last issue of The Classic Communicator, I challenged each participant competing in their school’s next All-American Student Classic to “Be the Best You Can Be!”

Taking the challenge last June were 134 students who participated in the 2nd Annual All-American Student Classic at the McDermont X Center in Lindsay. All students had fun competing against other students and challenging themselves.

The All-American is the perfect venue to challenge students to step out and see what they really can achieve! As Dr. Hearne, keynote speaker at the All-American Student Classic McDermont X Invitational stated when he was named the 8th grade All-American Student in 1991, “Never in my wildest dreams did I think this could happen. I just went out and did **the best I could.**” And that turned out to be good enough to be **THE BEST!**

“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”

- Donnie Moore, Leisure Services Superintendent