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## The Classic Communicator

### Student Classic

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### Comments from the CEO



*Dick Schlagel, CEO*

Have  
You  
Heard?

Being involved with the various facets of the All-American Student Classic these five plus years has been very rewarding and enjoyable.

We have sponsored this unique one week event at some very special schools with incredible leadership. One of these schools is Alta Vista School, located in southeast Tulare County. Alta Vista is being featured in this 10th issue of our AASC newsletter.

Lora Haston, retiring Superintendent, Alta Vista School District, has given remarkable support to the Classic for the past five years. Alta Vista has been the "Lighthouse" for our All-American Student Classics.

Lora, along with Vanessa Reilly, Event Director, Cliff Cantrell, Principal, and dedicated staff are to be commended for their awesome efforts and support resulting in providing such an extraordinary extra-curricular activity for the past five years. The benefits are many and will be lasting.

Finally, I along with our AASC team members, wish Superintendent Haston a very meaningful and rewarding retirement. You deserve it!



**That...** Approximately 6,000 students have participated in the All-American Student Classic as of May, 2017.

**That...** We are looking for Associates to join our AASC team. Contact Bob Pugh, President: [bob@aastudentclassic.com](mailto:bob@aastudentclassic.com), or Dick Schlagel, CEO: [dick@aastudentclassic.com](mailto:dick@aastudentclassic.com), to find out more about becoming an associate.

**That...** Our recently completed computerized Academic Testing Event will now require practically no staff time for administering the tests, scoring the tests and recording test results. This is a very special feature of the AASC. You will like it...both students and staff.

### Our Special Interview



**Lora Haston**  
Superintendent  
Alta Vista School

**Q:** Why have you taken such a keen interest in support and sponsoring the All-American Student Classic?

**A:** The All-American Student Classic is an amazing program to motivate students. The timing of the event, after State testing, gives middle school students a week of positive events to look forward to.

**Q:** How many years has the District conducted this one-week event?

**A:** Five Years

**Q:** What three words would you use to describe the AASC?

**A:** 1. Motivating;  
2. Positive;  
3. Life-Changing

**Q:** What benefits does this annual event provide your Grade 7-8 students?

**A:** Students who may not be the best in any one academic or athletic event actually have the opportunity to become the All-American because the scores are cumulative, thereby emphasizing the value of being a well-rounded individual. Additionally, students are able to compete and celebrate in real-time, which may give them a taste to tackle challenges in high school or college that they might not have otherwise considered.

**Q:** What are your plans for a well-deserved retirement?

**A:** I am going to condition myself for my own "All American" competition by becoming a regular at my gym's country line dancing and yoga DAYTIME classes. I am going to hone my grandmother skills by competing with 5 of my grandchildren, ages 5-10, with supersoakers! Of course, this is a summertime activity; I will switch gears in the wintertime.

**"The AASC provides a school and its middle grade students (4-8 grades) an incredible one week event filled with fun, friendly competition, activities and superb student recognition. Perhaps it could be that one special extra-curricular activity focusing on both the academics and athletics that really gets your students and staff "Fired up About School." The vast array of benefits in sponsoring the Classic are many and lasting."**

## "Getting Kids Fired Up About School"



### President's Pointers

*Bob Pugh, President  
All-American Student Classic*

At the time of this writing some of you are in the middle of your summer break. COOL! I hope!  
Just a few more weeks of vacation, travel and finishing up those home projects.  
Some of you are already getting ready to return to school next week, preparing for an exciting year for your schools.  
We, here at all American Student Classic are very excited to be returning to Salinas and to Redwood Christian Schools in San Lorenzo. We will also be introducing AASC to Tulare City Schools and Pixley. We are looking forward to returning to Exeter schools, Strathmore schools, Woodville schools, Porterville schools and Burton School District. All of this will keep us busy this fall.  
The All American Student Classic has been Getting over 6,000 Kids Fired Up About School over the past Four and a Half Years. We have LOTS MORE KIDS TO REACH!  
See you soon!

### CLASSIC QUOTES: Alta Vista Elementary School 5th Annual AASC Completed

*Staff members said:*

"The All-American Student Classic is an amazing way to end the school year. For the past 5 years, Alta Vista students have completed state testing, then had a refreshing change of pace by competing in the All-American Student Classic."

*Lora Haston, Superintendent*

"The All -American Student Classic has become a part of the Alta Vista culture. Our students look forward to each May, and begin talking about the event s from the beginning of school. This is a great program in which students can receive recognition in a wide variety of academic and athletic events."

*Cliff Cantrell, Principal*

"2017 is our 5th year partnering in the All-American Student Classic. This was another fun-filled year for the All-American. Our 8th grade boy repeated his win from last year. Our obstacle course was created by our teammate Alex Macias and Juan Zamora. This added a little more fun and coordination.

We topped off the eventful week with an evening of BBQ and Awards Banquet. Looking forward to next year."

*Vanessa Reilly, Event Director*



### Alta Vista Elementary School All-American Student Award Winners



Pictured left to right: AASC CEO Dick Schlagel; Daniel Padilla, 7th grade; Miguel Ruiz, 8th grade repeat winner; Eagle Mascot; Makayla Kirkland, 8th grade; Diana Jacuinde, 7th grade; Bob Pugh, AASC President

### Alta Vista Elementary School All-American Student Award Winners - Group



Pictured left to right, back row: Daniel Herrera, 8th grade 2nd place; Cody Gilly, 8th grade 3rd place; Valerie Cerda, 8th grade 3rd place; McKenna Jones, 8th grade 2nd place; Paola Jacuinde, 7th grade 3rd place. Front row: Bryce Painter, 7th grade 3rd place; Ismael Paramo, 7th grade 2nd place; Daniel Paramo, 7th grade winner; Miguel Ruiz, 8th grade winner; Makayla Kirkland, 8th grade winner; Diana Jacuinde, 7th grade winner; Juliana Pimentel, 7th grade 2nd place

### Alta Vista Elementary School Leadership Team



Left to Right - Back Row: Brandon Chiapa; Cliff Cantrell; Scott Ziebell; Brant Monroe; Joe Cook  
Middle Row: Lora Haston; Vanessa Reilly  
Front Row: Juan Zamora; Carol Foster; Alex Macias

"The AASC is a very unique one week event focusing on both the academics and athletics. The four major components of a successful Classic are: Participation, Competition, Sportsmanship and most importantly Recognition. Testimonials received from various student participants, staff and parents have certainly been positive, heartwarming and encouraging to our AASC team.."