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## The Classic Communicator

### Student Classic

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#### Comments from the CEO



*Dick Schlagel, CEO*

Basketball fans across our great nation are very aware of March Madness being associated with the 64 team NCAA's annual basketball tournament. This very popular national sporting event features wide participation, intense competition, various signs of good sportsmanship and much recognition.

These four components - Participation, Competition, Sportsmanship and Recognition - are really what our All-American Student Classic is all about.

Two southwestern Tulare County School Districts recently sponsored their "March Madness" event. Woodville Elementary and Alpaugh Elementary conducted exciting, competitive AASC's in March. Woodville students in grades 5-8 and Alpaugh's students in grades 4-5 participated in their events. The three words which still define our All-American Student Classic - first class, smiles and recognition - reigned supreme in the classroom, at the athletic field and at the climaxing awards ceremonies. We commend these two districts, along with the participating students and dedicated staff members for their 2019 March Madness events.



**Have  
You  
Heard?**

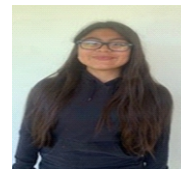
**That...**10 schools located in our beautiful Central California Coast were contacted the week of March 18-22, 2019. We were able to share the AASC with school administrators. We are anticipating sponsoring some great Classics as we expand this incredible event.

**That...**Porterville Military Academy, Porterville Unified School District's newest school, is very interested in the AASC. Doug Ihmels, Principal recently met with our AASC team to discuss various AASC proposals. The Academy currently enrolls students in grades 6-9, expecting to expand to grade 10 for the 2019-2020 school year.

**That...**Approximately 7,700 students have now participated in the All-American Student Classic since it was revealed in May 2012. Our goal is to reach 10,000 by December 31, 2019.

**That...**Alpine Vista, a K - 8 school in Tulare City School District will have 700+ students (grades 5-8) participating in their AASC this May. We commend Terri Martindale, their enthusiastic Principal, along with her staff for sponsoring their 2nd Classic. This will certainly help us in reaching that 10,000 goal!

#### AASC STUDENT INTERVIEWS Woodville Elementary



**Estefania Gil-Chavez  
6th Grade**

- 1. What was your favorite activity in the All-American?**  
• My favorite was the science test.
- 2. What three words would you use to describe the AASC?**  
• I would describe it as challenging, educational, and fun.
- 3. What academic test was the most challenging?**  
• I think the math test was the most challenging.
- 4. What athletic event, NOT including the obstacle course was your favorite?**  
• I liked the softball throw.
- 5. Have you participated in other AASC events held at your school?**  
• Yes, I was in it last year.



**Sonia Granados  
8th Grade**

- 1. What was your favorite activity in the All-American?**  
• I liked the obstacle course.
- 2. What three words would you use to describe the AASC?**  
• I would describe the AASC as fun, athletic, and you have to be smart.
- 3. What academic test was the most challenging?**  
• The history test was the most difficult for me.
- 4. What athletic event, NOT including the obstacle course was your favorite?**  
• I liked the basketball toss.
- 5. Have you participated in other AASC events held at your school?**  
• Yes, I participated in 6th grade.

**"Conducting the AASC at your particular school can be a "life-changing" event for various student participants. A number of students have revealed this in their testimonials. May we at AASC encourage your school to consider sponsoring this incredible extra-curricular activity. Three key words continue to define this Classic: First Class • Smiles • Recognition."**

## "Getting Kids Fired Up About School"

### WHAT THEY SAID

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

*"I think of the words smart, fast, and fun."  
- Angel Rodriguez - 8th Grade*

**What athletic event, NOT including the obstacle course was your favorite?**

*"I would choose basketball again."  
-Jazmine Espinoza - 8th Grade*

**What academic test was the most challenging?**

*"The history test."  
-Samuel Cortez - 6th Grade*

**What was your favorite activity in the AASC?**

*"My favorite was the Obstacle Course."  
-Emily Ramos - 5th Grade*

**Have you participated in other AASC events held at your school?**

*"Yes, I participated in 5th and 6th grade."  
-Manny Chavarria - 7th Grade*



### President's Pointers

*Bob Pugh, President  
All-American Student Classic*

When your school runs an All-American Student Classic you are giving each student the opportunity to be THEIR BEST. Not everybody can be THE BEST. But everybody can STRIVE to be THEIR BEST! All-American Students are all STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE. You don't have to WIN A MEDAL. You don't have to SET RECORDS. You don't even have to WIN! When an All-American Student competes in the AASC event, and they complete all 10 events, that's achieving EXCELLENCE! Not everybody does that!!

The All-American Student Classic gives students the opportunity to "Be the best they can be". They can strive for success and excellence in both Academics and Athletics. They have the opportunity to compete against fellow classmates by using their knowledge and skills. And, finally, they experience pride and a sense of self-esteem.

ALL-AMERICAN STUDENT CLASSIC  
STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE!

### ALL-AMERICAN STUDENT CLASSIC Woodville Elementary School Spring 2019



**Grade 5-6 All-American Students**  
Left to right: Samuel Cortez, Angel Morales,  
Estefania Gil-Chavez, Emily Ramos



**Grade 7-8 All-American Students**  
Left to right: Selena Santiago, Diego Garcia,  
Sonia Granados, Angel Rodriguez



**Leadership Team - 2019 All-American Student Classic**  
Left to right - back row: Dick Schlagel, Alexis Hernandez,  
Daniel Cano, Matt Ashbrook, Bernie Gutierrez,  
Nycole Watson, Monica Hernandez, Cindy Camarena  
Front row, L-R: Ana Valdez, Lori Willbanks, Maribel Hernandez

**"We, our AASC team members, wish to offer our very special commendations to the scores of school administrators, event directors, staff and other volunteers for their incredible and dedicated services, creativity and passion in planning, promoting and presenting a very remarkably rewarding and successful extra-curricular activity on their particular school campus.  
You are awesome!"**