

# The Classic Communicator

## Student Classic

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### Comments from the CEO



**Student Friendly Matters!**

When I had the opportunity of sponsoring the first All-American Student Classic at Bartlett Junior High school in May 1980, it was my goal and deep desire to have this extra-curricular activity to focus on being a student friendly event.

Here are some of the major features of the Classic that fulfill that desire:

Dick Schlagel, CEO



Have  
You  
Heard?

SERVICE RESOURCES	YES	NO
Wide Participation	<u>X</u>	_____
Fun, Exciting, Challenging	<u>X</u>	_____
Minimal Staff Time	<u>X</u>	_____
Develops Self-esteem	<u>X</u>	_____
Student Recognition		_____
User friendly	<u>X</u>	_____
Interesting, Informative	<u>X</u>	_____
Website		_____
Affordable	<u>X</u>	_____
Receives awesome testimonials		_____
A variety of student awards	<u>X</u>	_____

**That...**Strathmore Middle School, Alpaugh, Alpine Vista (Tulare), Wilson (Tulare) and Alta Vista conducted very successful AASC this spring. Participation was outstanding and the awards ceremonies at each school were first class. We continue to focus on students recognition and striving for excellence in the academics sportsmanship and athletics. We are so grateful and appreciative to each of these schools leadership team members.

**That...**The second annual McDermont X All-American Student Classic invitation was held on Saturday, June 1, 2019. There were seven Tulare County schools along with Redwood Christian School out of the Bay Area participating this year. There is much additional information on this incredible event in this May-June issue of the AASC newsletter.

**That...**Approximately 7,800 middle grade students have now participated in the AASC. Our goal is to reach 10,000 by June 30, 2020.

### SPECIAL INTERVIEW



**Cindy Camarena**  
Vice President, AASC

- As a member of the Leadership Team of the 2019 AASC invitational, what did you enjoy most?**
  - Seeing the smiles on the students' faces, as they participated in the various events.
- What were your major responsibilities?**
  - I was chairperson on obtaining sponsorships. I also attended out planning meetings, helped with the registration and participated at the awards ceremony.
- How many schools participated this year?**
  - 8, they were Alpaugh, Alpine Vista (Tulare), Alta Vista, Strathmore Middle School, West Putnam (Porterville), Wilson (Tulare), Woodville, Redwood Christian (Castro Valley).
- How many students completed in the event?**
  - Approximately 100 in grades 4-8.
- What were the activities that each student had to compete in?**
  - Six very challenging - three academic (math, science, reading) and three athletic (rock wall climb, the challenge, obstacle course)
- What did you think of Dr. Al Hearne's keynote address to the students?**
  - I was really impressed when he shared how he won the event as a 8th grade student at Bartlett Jr. High School in 1992, and the tremendous impact, being recognized as the All American Student affected his life's journey.
- Any suggestions for next years event?**
  - Looking for ways to streamline the overall event, so the students may have more "fun time" to play at McDermont X after the awards ceremony.
- What are three words you would best describe the classic invitational?**
  - Fun - Competitive - Enthusiasm

**"Our AASC team members continue to seek ways to make this incredible event more student-friendly, as we strive for excellence in the academics, sportsmanship, and athletics. Student recognition continually remains as a key ingredient of the classics."**

## ALL-AMERICAN STUDENTS WILSON (TULARE CITY) Spring 2019



**Pictured left to right, back row:**  
**John Pendleton, Principal;**  
**Tritia Hirayama, RTI.**  
**Front row, left to right:**  
**Carmel Meraz, 5th grade;**  
**Anthony Rosales, 5th grade;**  
**Marvin Pachuca, 4th grade**  
**Kah'Marra Brown, 4th grade**

## ALL-AMERICAN STUDENTS ALPAUGH Spring 2019



**Pictured left to right, back row:**  
**Mrs. Ruble, Principal;**  
**Mrs. Hernandez;**  
**Mr. White;**  
**Mr. Hernandez.**  
**Front row, left to right:**  
**Uriel Perez, All American Boy;**  
**Andrea Garcia, All American Girl**

## 2019 MCDERMONT ALL-AMERICAN STUDENT CLASSIC INVITATIONAL

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“I thought this event really exemplified what education is all about: Academic, Athletic, and Social growth. I was very impressed at the students’ zeal and performance,” Porter David Royre, South Jordan, Utah, Missionary volunteer, said. “I hope to see this expand as it reaches even farther.”

Devin Dellner, Grade 6 student, Redwood Christian School commented: “The Rock Climb and math test were the most challenging for me. The whole event was exciting, nervous, but very rewarding.”

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## CLASSIC CLIPS SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

1. Alpine Vista School in Tulare is to be highly commended for having six of its students being named the All-American Students at the McDermont X All-American Ceremony of the 2nd Annual All-American Student Classic Invitational held at McDermont X in Lindsay on June 1, 2019.

2. Dr. Al Hearne, a former All-American Student at Bartlett Jr. High School in Porterville was the keynote speaker at the award ceremony at our 2nd annual classic invitational. Dr. Hearne is currently superintendent at Redwood Christian Schools in Castro Valley. Dr. Hearne shared how being recognized as the 8th grade All-American student made an incredible impact in his educational journey.

3. Words of Appreciation... “We want to express our gratitude and appreciation to our very generous sponsors (17), the eight participating schools (8), and their wonderful staff and students, our remarkable and dedicated volunteers (20), parents and leadership team (6) for making the 2nd Annual Classic once again the “Best of the Best”.

4. The All-American student classic has various options which schools can choose. These would relate to costs, events, schedules, etc. We want to offer to you what would be the best program for your school’s budget, students enrollment, participation, etc.

5. Approximately 7,800 middle grade (4,5,6,7,8) students have now participated and competed in this classic extra curricular activities. Our goal is to reach 10,000 student participants by June 30, 2020. Featuring academic, sportsmanship and athletics in our incredible event is awesome.

6. The vast group favorable comments we have received from students, staff, parents, board of education, and community members have been every encouraging and heart warming.

7. “Getting kids fired up about school” is still our major focus. We hope to hear from you.

- Richard “Dick” Schlogel, CEO, AASC - (559) 784-1270
- Bob Pugh, President, AASC - (559) 359-4234

Your event can be held in the fall, winter, spring, summer school, after school program.

**“The McDermont All-American student classic invitational is a very outstanding event which gives the top students another very special opportunity to showcase their academic knowledge, sportsmanship, and athletic skills at no cost to the school or students.”**

## Article: Invitational Classic

### Middle grade students showcase their Academic and Athletic skills at second Annual AASC Invitational held at McDermont X

Approximately 100 students in the middle grades 4 through 8 had a vast array of opportunities to display their academic knowledge and athletic skills in the six event McDermont X All-American student classic invitational on Saturday, June 1st.

The second annual Classic Invitational featured the top ten students (five girls, five boys) from each participating school that conducted the AASC at their local campus this past 2018-2019 school year. Schools participating in this year's "Best of the Best" event were Alpaugh, Alpine Vista (Tulare City), Alta Vista, Wilson (Tulare City), Strathmore Middle School, West Putnam (Porterville Unified), Woodville, and Redwood Christian School located in Castro Valley.

Each student athlete was required to compete in six events, three academic and three athletic. The academic tests were: Math, Science, and Reading. The athletic contests were: Rock Wall Climbing, The Challenge and the very popular obstacle course.

25 very dedicated volunteers, including ten young Missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints assisted with the various activities.

Many very positive comments were given by the student participants, parents, and volunteers.

“My favorite event was the special Obstacle Course, while the most challenging activity was the Rock Climb” Soledad Sanchez, Grade 7, Alta Vista School, said. “This was my first year of participation and I found the over-all classic challenging and fun, at times I was very nervous competing.”

Madalyn Caso, Grade 8, Alpine Vista School in Tulare, was both a participant in the classic and was also one of the students playing the National Anthem at the Award ceremony. “The All-American Classic was super fun. The Missionary Elders and Sisters volunteers were so supportive and energetic. My favorite part of the classic was the three Academic tests. I finished the three test in about 10 minutes,” Caso said. “My favorite athletic contest was the Obstacle Course, though I hated the balloon part at the end. I am also playing the National Anthem on my clarinet for the Award ceremony. I would definitely do this classic again!”

“I have been a supporter of the All-American Student Classic since my son, Al Hearne won the event at Bartlett Jr. High School in 1991. The program provides life lessons and memories for a lifetime! I hope the AASC continues to grow,” Al Hearne Sr. Parent and retired educator.

“This is an outstanding experience for our kids to participate in. My kid seemed to enjoy the various fun activities every moment. I hope to see him participate next year as a 6th grader.” Rose Hernandez, Mother of Uriel Perez, Grade 5, Alpaugh Unified.

“Great extra-curricular event showcasing students' academic and athletic achievements,” Luck Smith, Father of Kathrun Smith, student, Alpine Vista, Tulare.

“I thought this event really exemplified what education is all about: Academic, Athletic, and Social growth. I was very impressed at the students' zeal and performance,” Porter David Royre, South Jordan, Utah, Missionary volunteer, said. “I hope to see this expand as it reaches even farther.”

What a fun day! It was such an exhilarating event! It was a time to test and push yourself,” Terra Hansen, Missionary volunteer, Orchard Park, New York, said. “It also gives us a chance to work together in support of the event.”

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Students and parents from Redwood Christian School had a four-hour drive from the Bay area.

The climax activity of the Invitational Classic was the Awards Ceremony which featured recognizing and honoring the student participants for efforts and accomplishments in the six-event classic.

Each student competing in all six events received a very attractive and colorful certificate. Students scoring 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in each event at each of the five participating grade level were awarded Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals.

The final recognition was to honor the girl and boy at each of the five grade levels (4,5,6,7,8) scoring the most points, by naming them Classics 2019 All-American Students. Each received a plaque for their incredible achievements. This years' All American Students were: Brian Mendoza, grade 4, Alpaugh, Isaiah Gray, grade 4, Wilson. Noah Pavone, grade 5, Strathmore and Sara Ramos, grade 5, Alpine Vista. Grade 6 winners were: Max Oliveira and Aurora Sotelo, both from Alpine Vista. Isaiah Santos, grade 7 boy and Rebekah Beasley, grade 7 girl, from Alpine Vista and Angel Navarro, grade 8 from Strathmore and Hannah Thompson, grade 8 from Alpine Vista.

Other features at the Awards Ceremony included:

- The presentation of the Colors by the Porterville Military Academy
- Playing of the National Anthem by students from Alpine Vista School in Tulare, Eric Farrenkopf, Director
- The Pledge of Allegiance led by Mia Rolen, 7th grade student, Woodville Elementary.
- Dr. Al Hearne, Keynote speaker, former All-American Student at Bartlett Junior High School, Porterville in 1991.
- Bob Pugh, president AASC was the master of Ceremonies
- Closing comments, Dick Schlagel, CEO AASC and Clint Ashcraft, CEO, McDermont X.

“We want to express our gratitude and deep appreciation to our very generous sponsors, participating schools, and the wonderful staff and students,” Dick Schlagel, CEO, AASC said. “The remarkable and dedicated volunteers, supportive parents and our leadership team members also played vital roles in making this 2nd Annual Classic Invitational a very successful event for the “Best of the Best” middle grade students.”

# “Getting Kids Fired Up About School”

## AWARDS CEREMONY

**Welcome...** Bob Pugh, President, AASC, Co-Event Director

**Presentation of Colors...** Porterville Military Academy

**National Anthem...** Nathan Blackwell, Micah Dominguez, Andrea Mora, Lizbeth Rayo, Sophia Withmore, Alpine Vista School Music Department, Eric Farrenkopf, Director

**Pledge of Allegiance...** Mia Rolan, Grade 7, Woodville Elementary

**Opening Remarks...** Bob Pugh

**Presentation of Achievement Certificates...** Lori Willbanks, Grade 7 Teacher, Woodville Elementary

**Presentation of Academic Awards...** Vanessa Reilly, Grade 8 Teacher, Alta Vista School

**Presentation of Athletic Awards...** Joanie Stone, Principal, Strathmore Middle School

**Keynote Speaker...** Dr. Al Hearne Jr., Superintendent, Redwood Christian School, Castro Valley, CA

**Recognition of All-American Students...** Dr. Al Hearne Jr.

**Comments...** Dick Schlagel, CEO, AASC

**Closing Remarks...** Clint Ashcraft, CEO, McDermont X, Event Director



All-American students recognized at the 2nd Annual Invitational Classic held at the McDermont X in Lindsay on June 1, 2019.

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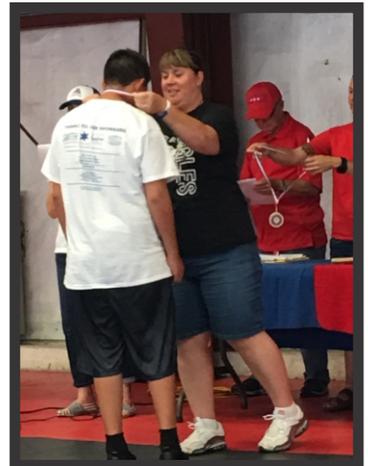
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## CLASSIC LEVEL

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Rock climbing, one of the athletic challenges contests at the Invitational Classic.



Dr. Al Hearne, Keynote speaker, talks with Bob Pugh followed by the awards ceremony.

“We continually receive a vast array of favorable comments for the annual McDermont All-American student classic invitational from students, parents, volunteers, and others. Featuring the “Best of the Best” makes it a very challenging and entertaining event.”