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Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for Happiness in the New Year!

Tim Pivarnik Elected American School President

American School's Board of Trustees has unanimously selected **Tim Pivarnik** as American School's 8th President. He will start his new position on January 1, 2017, replacing **Gary R. Masterton**, who has served as American School President since July 1, 2006.

Tim since has served as American School Principal since August 10, 2015, shortly after which he said, "I continue to be impressed with the geographical outreach we have with students literally worldwide along with the recent addition of an online education program. I am extremely proud to be a member of such a strong and deeply rooted educational institution and look forward to many positive and productive years at American School as we transition to a true and unique 21st century educational academy."

Before he joined American School, Tim held various other educational leadership positions and has extensive experience in the private sector. American School has had only eight presidents in its nearly 120 years of serving students and schools. We look forward to working with Tim in the coming months and years and are confident he will continue the legacy of our past presidents and employees who have devoted their lives to educating students.

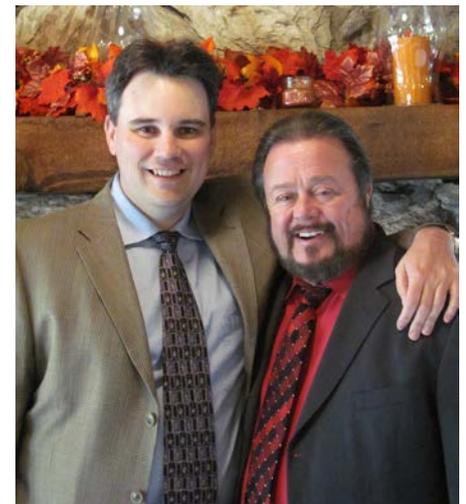


Announcing Changes to All American Schedule

Beginning with this issue, the *All American* will be published quarterly rather than bi-monthly. For the latest American School news, check out our blog at www.americanschool.org/blog or like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. As always, we welcome news from our students, and although we will publish less frequently, we want to include even more student news. Thank you for reading, and be sure to look for us again in early 2017!

Highlights from Our 119th Annual Meeting

In addition to **Tim Pivarnik** being named American School President, additional officers and committees were chosen at American School's 119th Annual Meeting. **Judy Piscione** was named Comptroller, and she will join President **Gary R. Masterton** and Vice-Presidents **Tim Pivarnik** and **Marie Limback** on American School's Executive Committee. Public Relations Coordinator **Jeff Cox** will join Gary, Tim, Marie and Judy on American School's Finance Committee. The people and committees listed above will ensure American School continues to offer its accredited high school program and accredited middle school program while being financially solvent and responsible. Other business included a review of last year's accomplishments and remarks from the Trustees which provided ideas and encouragement for how American School can become an even better distance education high school and middle school in the year ahead. Everyone who attended the Annual Meeting agreed that American School's student-first philosophy has served us well over the years, and we plan to continue that in the future.



American School Receives Additional Accreditation

Recently American School was pleased to get additional accreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools/Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools. This new accreditation from MSA-CESS includes our online middle school courses in addition to our online high school courses and high school correspondence courses. A statement from MSA-CESS explains the accreditation process in this way:

"MSA-CESS accredits preK-12 public, private, parochial, and charter schools. In addition, MSA-CESS accredits non-degree granting career and technical post-secondary institutions, special purpose schools, supplementary education centers, learning services providers, and distance education institutions.



Accreditation is a multifaceted evaluation process that schools and school systems voluntarily use to demonstrate they are meeting a defined set of research-based performance standards. The 12 Standards for Accreditation are: mission; governance and leadership; school improvement planning; finances; facilities; school organization and staff; health and safety; educational program; assessment and evidence of student learning; student services; student life and activities, and information resources.

The accreditation process begins with a self-study that is conducted by the school and school system and requires input from school leaders, teachers, parents and students. Following the self-study, a team of volunteer educators from Association member schools conducts an on-site peer review visit to observe school operations and interview various stakeholders. The visiting team makes its recommendation to the Middle States Association Commissions, which vote on the accreditations."

American School Concludes Busy Convention Year

American School concluded its 2016 convention schedule with five conventions during the months of October and November. We made our first appearances at the Association for Middle Level Education Conference, the Lutheran Education Association Convocation, the Missouri School Counselor Association Conference and the New York State School Counselor Association Conference and returned to the Indiana School Counselor Association Fall Conference as we do every year. Visitors to our booth at each of the five events enjoyed learning more about us and the educational services we can provide them and their students.

In addition to exhibiting at conventions across the country, we occasionally attend conventions as delegates. One such event was the iNACOL Blended and Online Learning Symposium, during which staff members learned the latest trends in online learning. We're looking forward to incorporating the best of those trends into our curriculum in 2017 and beyond.

New Paper-Based Courses Available

We are proud to offer more online courses than ever before, but we're just as proud to offer a wide variety of paper-based courses too. Recently we released new versions of our Social Civics, Printreading 1, Introduction to Business, and Office Procedures courses. Social Civics is a required course for students in our paper-based high school diploma program, and the other three courses would be good electives or, as with all of our courses, can be taken individually for credit recovery or enrichment purposes. We look forward to revising and adding more paper-based courses in 2017.

Caroline Wozniacki Awesome in Autumn

American School student **Caroline Wozniacki** came into this year's U.S. Open unseeded but left as a semifinalist, showing the first signs that her game is on the rebound after an uncharacteristic slow start to 2016. She notched big wins over former U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova in the second round and eliminated rising star Madison Keys in the fourth round before losing to current world #1 Angelique Kerber in the semifinals. She used the U.S. Open as a springboard to success later in the fall, first by beating Naomi Osaka 7-5, 6-3 in the final of the Toray Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo to win her first title of the year and later added a title in Hong Kong, giving her 25 WTA Tour titles. We are happy to have Caroline continue our legacy of educating top tennis professionals and look forward to seeing what she accomplishes on and off the court in 2017.



Celebrating Retirements and Milestone Anniversaries

Since our last *All American*, two longtime employees retired, while several others celebrated milestone anniversaries. American School thanks **Sue Berry** and **Eileen Lingen** for their many years of service to our students. Both ladies has leadership positions in the Instruction Department and had an impact on thousands of students earning their diplomas. We wish them the best in their retirements. At the same time we celebrate nearly 200 years of service from new Double Decade Club members **Katherine Gennie**, **Sharon Harris**, **Sophia Karagan** and **Steve Tselepatiotis**, each of whom celebrated 20 years with American School, as well as **Lanisha Daniels**, **Kathy Grisafi**, **Laura Jones**, **Donna Lear**, **Dave Perry**, **Valerie Riley**, **John Skaro**, **Georgia Stamper** and **Kimball Wright**, each of whom celebrated a milestone anniversary of his or her own. Thank you for what you have done and for what you will continue to do to benefit our students!

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