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Hugo High School
Student Reporter

This week's Black & Gold Standard is Dr. Clarice Clash. Clash is currently an assistant principal of curriculum and instruction in one of the largest urban school districts in the nation — Sahuaro High School in Tuscon, Ariz.

Sahuaro High is well-known for its high academic standards and excellence.

Clash supervises counselors, instructional quality and innovation, state and local testing, curricular standards, parent involvement and of course, discipline of students.

Clash graduated from Hugo High in 1989.

"Hugo High School is a special place for me. As a youngster, I learned the three Rs as well as life skills such as endurance, communication, patience and interpersonal skills," she said.

In high school, Clash spent most of her time being active in student council, Oklahoma Honor Society, 4-H and athletics such as tennis and basketball. Clash also was the Hugo Lady Buffs coach for a year.

"Attending a private university on an athletic/academic scholarship opened my eyes to how competitive the world is outside of Hugo High School," Clash said. "Once you see the other side, there is no turning back or feeling sorry for yourself."

Reality set in and she no longer wanted to be a professional tennis player, instead she chose a degree in English education.

Her faith, kids and parents continue to inspire her to reach new heights. When asked about her life, Clash said, "I want to be a great role model for my children and other students. I also want to give back to my parents, who gave me so much."