

Kiwanis Honors Oak Avenue Intermediate School Students Annie Wen, John Dang, Emilio Valasquez, and Claire Denne February 6, 2018



The Kiwanis Club of Temple City recognized four outstanding students from Oak Avenue Intermediate School. Accompanying the students were Oak teachers Ms. Lisa Copeland and Mr. Randy Marsh.

Annie is 14 years old and in Ms. Copeland's class. She has an older sister and enjoys drawing, music, and solving puzzles. Annie said, "The best things about Oak Avenue are all the nice people I have met here, the many elective choices I have, and the open-minded group of friends and supportive teachers." The best thing that ever happened was discovering art. If she could change one thing, it would be to have more second and third language options. If she could build one thing, it would be a small café on the first floor of a skyscraper. Personal goals are to learn at least one other language, develop a hobby/craft, and learn how to bake.

John is 13 years old and in Ms. Copeland's class. He enjoys basketball, drawing and sketching. John said, "The best things about Oak Avenue is the welcoming attitude of other students, the teachers are patient and forgiving, and there are always opportunities to make new friends." The best thing that ever happened was going to Oak. If he could change one thing, it would be to have more games in the Oak basketball season. If he could build one thing, it would be a modern house in a rich neighborhood. Personal goals are to have a successful and steady future, become more fit and physically stronger, and become a great artist or athlete.

Emilio is 12 years old and in Mr. Marsh's class. He has five brothers and sisters and enjoys sports and video game technology. Emilio said, "The best things about Oak Avenue are the nice teachers, the education is the best, and I get to experience more things." The best thing that ever happened was receiving the Presidential Silver Award. If he could change one thing, it would be to have people stop smoking because each cigarette takes 12 minutes off your life. If he could build one thing, it would be a statue of himself. Personal goals are to go to college, not live in the streets, and become a firefighter.

Claire is 12 years old and in Mr. Marsh's class. She has an older sister and enjoys soccer, softball, and photography. Claire said, "The best things about Oak Avenue are the supportive teachers, and the many activities, sports, and clubs." The best thing that ever happened was taking a trip to Hawaii with her family. If she could change one thing, it would be to people would not be divided by languages. If she could build one thing, it would be a building with everything could possibly need. Personal goals are to get better at softball, learn a new language, and learn how to cook.

Each week the Temple City Kiwanis Club is pleased to recognize outstanding students and their teachers from Cloverly, Emperor, Longden, Oak Avenue, Temple City High School, and the Dr. Doug Sears Learning Center. Kiwanis treats students and their teacher to lunch. Students receive a certificate, a letter for their parents, a bumper sticker, a gift certificate from The Hat Restaurant and North Woods Inn, and a photograph of them receiving their award. Their photo and story will be posted on the Temple City Unified School District website and on their Facebook page.

Temple City Kiwanis has been serving our community since 1939. Members are dedicated men and women who desire to make a difference in the quality of life for the youth of Temple City. Kiwanis meets at 12:00 noon each Tuesday at North Wood's Inn Restaurant. To find out more about Kiwanis, please contact Jerry Jambazian at (626) 643-9460. You can also visit their website at www.templecitykiwanis.org.