

# Kiwanis Honors Oak Avenue Intermediate School Students Katelyn Kim, Cory Nguyen, Jace Chong, and Jillian Valdez May 29, 2018



The Kiwanis Club of Temple City recognized four outstanding students from Oak Avenue Intermediate School. Accompanying the students was twenty-three year Oak teacher, Mrs. Jessica Goold and Ms. Deana Ho .

**Katelyn** is 14 years old and in Mrs. Goold's class. She has a brother and sister and enjoys music, band, traveling, and going out. Katelyn said, "The best things about Oak Avenue are starting the day off with the Daily Bulletin, the P.E. obstacle course, and the great staff and teachers". The best thing that ever happened was when her older sister convinced her that reading was fun. If she could change one thing, it would be the gun laws, she would rather worry about her grades than being shot. If she could build one thing, it would be a beautiful house for her parents. Personal goals are to become a better person, a better musician, learning to swim, and fulfil her mother's dream for her to speak Korean and Mandarin.

**Cory** is 14 years old and in Ms. Ho's class. He has a younger brother and enjoys listening to music and competing in sports events. Cory said, "The best things about Oak Avenue are the clean, friendly, environment, and my friends, and teachers". The best thing that ever happened was coming to Oak Avenue and experiencing new social events. If he could change one thing, it would be to stop all discrimination or social injustice towards any given people group. If he could build one thing, it would be a time machine to improve technology fast. Personal goals are to get on the track team at TCHS, get into honors class, and join more clubs in high school.

**Jace** is 14 years old and in Mrs. Goold's class. He has two sisters and enjoys Pokémon Go, building and creative art with out-of-the-box media. Jace said, "The best things about Oak Avenue are the helpful and encouraging staff, the respectful students and school spirit, and the varied activities". The best thing that ever happened is having life. If he could change one thing, it would be all the unfair fights against people. If he could build one thing, it would be a V.L.F.S. that helps purify and recycle accumulated plastic in the ocean. Personal goals are to graduate with a background in engineering, explore and travel the world, and strive to live life to the fullest.

**Jillian** is 13 years old and in Ms. Ho's class. She has an older sister and enjoys playing soccer, guitar, and dance. Jillian said, "The best things about Oak Avenue are the amazing teachers and staff, the clubs and activities available to us such as Astrocamp, and the Florida trip". The best thing that ever happened was going on the Catalina trip with her friends. If she could change one thing, it would be that diseases never existed and everyone could live a healthy life. Personal goals are to get straight A's in high school, improve her flexibility through dancing, and improve her guitar skills.

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](http://www.templecitykiwanis.org).