

# Kiwanis Honors Oak Avenue Intermediate School Students Emilio Velasquez, Dominique Bhatti, Jayden Wong, and Sara Liu December 4, 2018



The Kiwanis Club of Temple City recognized four outstanding students from Oak Avenue Intermediate School. Accompanying the students was TCUSD Teacher of the Year Ms. Marlisse Reina and Emma Zamora.

**Emilio** is 13 years old and in Ms. Reina's class. He has four brothers and sisters and enjoys playing soccer, pickle ball, and video games. Emilio said, "The best things about Oak Avenue are the great teachers, the number of clubs and their subjects, and it is called The best school in America". The best thing that ever happened was getting the Presidential Award in the 5th grade. If he could change one thing, it would be the amount of global warming. If he could build one thing it would be a organization to help fight hunger. Personal goals are to get a Doctoral degree, get a successful job, and life to the fullest.

**Dominique** is 13 years old and in Ms. Reina's class. She has an older brother and enjoys knitting, playing cards, sewing, reading, and robotics. Dominique said, "The best things about Oak Avenue are the open hallways and gardens, the great teachers and students". The best thing that ever happened was winning a sweepstakes award during the science fair. If she could change one thing, it would be to have more bike paths. If she could build one thing it would be a community garden for Temple City. Personal goals are to spend more time with her family, watch less TV, and try to notice natural beauty more.

**Jayden** is 12 years old and in Ms. Zamora's class. He enjoys playing basketball, reading, and playing the guitar. Jayden said, "The best things about Oak Avenue are the nice teachers, the organized and clean campus, and the resourceful library and computer lab". The best thing that ever happened was getting a Xbox for Christmas. If he could change one thing, it would be to have no one starve anymore. If he could build one thing it would be a time machine to go back in time. Personal goals are to get A's in every class, go to a good university, and become a professional guitarist.

**Sara** is 12 years old and in Mr. Loomis class. She has a younger brother and enjoys singing, listening to music, playing the piano, crocheting, and reading. Sara said, "The best things about Oak Avenue are the kind staff at our amazing school, the S.T.E.A.M. electives, and I really enjoy learning math". The best thing that ever happened was knowing her family and meeting her friends. If she could change one thing, it would be to end discrimination of people. If she could build one thing it would be a place where anyone could come for food and shelter. Personal goals are to remain getting straight A's, attend a top university, and being able to help anyone in need or assistance.

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).