

Kiwanis Honors Temple City High School Students Joe San and Janna Elhawary March 5, 2019



The Kiwanis Club of Temple City recognized two outstanding students from Temple City High School. Accompanying the students was TCHS Vice Principal, Mrs. Elena Li. Congratulations to Temple City High School for being named a 2019 California Distinguished School, the state's top award for campuses. TCHS is among 162 middle and high schools in the state, and one of only a handful of non-charter and non-magnet schools in Los Angeles County, to receive the honor.

Joe is 17 years old and in Ms. Kenderes' class. He has an older brother and enjoys drawing. Joe said, "The best things about TCHS are the caring and interactive teachers, places a priority on student safety, and the fun social activities". The best thing that ever happened was going to Taiwan with friends. If he could change one thing, it would have been to try harder in his freshman and sophomore years. If he could build one thing, it would be a mentally and emotionally closer bond with his parents. Personal goals are to get into art college, pay back his parents for everything, and live a comfortable life.

Janna is 17 years old and in Ms. Sisson's class. She has an older brother and enjoys hiking, nature, reading, walks in the park, sleeping, and track and field events. Janna said, "The best things about TCHS are the constant desire to improve, the willingness of faculty to help, and the amount of available resources". The best thing that ever happened was being born to supportive parents, and all the opportunities available to her. If she could change one thing, it would be the amount of hateful rhetoric people spew carelessly to others. If she could build one thing, it would be a device to suck the toxins, such as carbon dioxide emissions from the atmosphere. Personal goals are to hear good news from the colleges/universities she applied to, and focus on her own growth as a daughter, friend and sister.

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.