

Kiwanis Honors Oak Avenue Intermediate School Students Alden Wong, Audrey Hoang, Melanie Cho, and Ethan Fung April 9, 2019



The Kiwanis Club of Temple City recognized four outstanding students from Oak Avenue Intermediate School. Accompanying the students were Oak teachers Mr. Aaron Loomis and Mrs. Jessica Goold.

Alden is 12 years old and in Mr. Loomis' class. He has two older brothers and enjoys coding, music, design, and martial arts. Alden said, "The best things about Oak Avenue are my friends and classmates, the staff, and learning new things". The best thing that ever happened is having a supportive family that cares about him. If he could change one thing, it would be to make sure everyone has shelter and food. If he could build one thing, it would be a way of transportation that is efficient and doesn't create pollution. Personal goals are to receive the President's Award for Educational Achievement, get his 2nd degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, and attend a good university.

Audrey is 12 years old and in Mr. Loomis' class. She has three brothers and sisters and enjoys gardening, drawing, reading, running, calligraphy, and composting. Audrey said, "The best things about Oak Avenue are nice teachers that make learning fun, the fun electives to choose from, and the gym". The best thing that ever happened this year was making friends that really cared about her. If she could change one thing, it would be to stop trees from being cut down. If she could build one thing, it would be a homeless shelter that provides career choices and food. Personal goals are to become more open to try new things like joining clubs, become more productive with her time, and to have more self-confidence.

Melanie is 14 years old and in Mrs. Goold's class. She has an older sister and enjoys taking acting classes and doing drama for fun. Melanie said, "The best things about Oak Avenue are my school is filled with amazing students, the student leadership clubs, and the science classes". The best thing that ever happened was the moment she won vice-president for the 2018-19 school year. If she could change one thing, it would be all the violence towards each other. If she could build one thing, it would be a homeless shelter so people don't have to be on the streets. Personal goals are to get closer to God and His word, make her parents proud, and to get out of her comfort zone.

Ethan is 14 years old and in Mrs. Goold's class. He has a younger brother and enjoys basketball, track, reading, and playing the violin. Ethan said, "The best things about Oak Avenue are the nice teachers, my great friends, and the clean classrooms". The best thing that ever happened was being born into an amazing and supportive family. If he could change one thing, it would be end world hunger. If he could build one thing, it would be a machine that cheaply generated lots of food for poor people. Personal goals are to make the basketball team at high school, get to the nationals for track this year, and get into Stanford University.

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.