

Kiwanis Honors Oak Avenue Intermediate School Students Jeremy Zhang, Sheridan Gonzalez, Cindy Liu, and Nina Chiang May 7, 2019



The Kiwanis Club of Temple City recognized four outstanding students from Oak Avenue Intermediate School. Accompanying the students was 24-year teacher, Mr. John Howard and 25-year teacher Mr. David Steinkamp.

Jeremy is 13 years old and in Mr. Howard's class. He has an older brother and enjoys playing basketball, badminton, flute, watching movies, and games. Jeremy said, "The best things about Oak Avenue are the great teachers, all the elective classes to choose from, playing pickle ball and the P.E. equipment". The best thing that ever happened was receiving a trophy for the highest score in level three flute theory. If he could change one thing, it would be to get an A on his English tests. If he could build one thing, it would be a swimming pool at Oak Avenue. Personal goals are to get a 4.0 GPA, get to level ten flute, and learn to play basketball well.

Sheridan is 13 years old and in Mr. Howard's class. She enjoys playing softball and listening to music. Sheridan said, "The best things about Oak Avenue are the academic and sports teams, the great teachers, and the ninja warrior course in PE". The best thing that ever happened was pitching a no hitter on the travel ball team. If she could change one thing, it would be to establish more locations for the mentally ill and homeless people. If she could build one thing, it would be a youth sports center. Personal goals are to receive an academic or sports scholarship, hit a over-the-fence homerun, and learn to be ambidextrous.

Cindy is 14 years old and in Mr. Steinkamp's class. She enjoys playing volleyball, arts and crafts, and animation. Cindy said, "The best things about Oak Avenue are advanced art, the dances, and Oak-lahoma Day". The best thing that ever happened was meeting all her creative friends in advanced art. If she could change one thing, it would be to have had more courage to enter the altered book contest in the 7th grade. If she could build one thing, it would be a time machine to go back and correct terrible decisions. Personal goals are to maintain a 4.0 GPA throughout high school, make it into her dream college, and to develop better skills in art.

Nina is 13 years old and in Mr. Steinkamp's class. She has an older brother and enjoys cooking, binge-eating, and procrastinating. Nina said, "The best things about Oak Avenue are the microwaves, the library, and art classes". The best thing that ever happened was living with her grandmother in Taiwan over the summer. If she could change one thing, it would be her mom's health. If she could build one thing, it would be a microwave to keep french fries crispy. Personal goals are to manage her time better, learn how to fold clothes properly, and become taller.

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.