

Kiwanis Honors Longden Elementary School Students Xavier Mata, Joey Cooper, and Rachael Yu May 28, 2019



The Kiwanis Club of Temple City recognized three outstanding students from Longden Elementary School. Accompanying the students was their 6th grade teacher Mrs. Diana Lam.

Xavier is 12 years old and has two younger sisters. He enjoys Star Wars, Marvel/Avenger movies, video games, basketball, and soccer. Xavier said, "The best things about Longden Elementary are my friends, the awesome teachers, and the nice school community". The best thing that ever happened was when his family went to Oahu, Hawaii. If he could change one thing, it would be to have everyone live life to the max and be happy. If he could build one thing, it would be a hotel where you could live life to the max and be happy. Personal goals are to live a long, happy, and successful life, travel the world with his family, and fulfill his dreams.

Joey is 12 years old and has four brothers and sisters. He enjoys playing soccer, baseball, swimming, and Legos. Joey said, "The best things about Longden Elementary are the really nice teachers, participating in school events, and my nice friends". The best thing that ever happened was when he won the City Championship in baseball. If he could change one thing, it would have been to not have his father die so young. If he could build one thing, it would be a mansion for his family with a pool and miniature golf course. Personal goals are to make the soccer team at Oak Avenue, be in the marching band at the high school, and go to a good college.

Rachael is 12 years old and enjoys art, tennis, computer games, soccer, badminton, anime, and volleyball. Rachael said, "The best things about Longden Elementary are the really nice people, the amazing teachers, and the P.E. teachers actually teach you how to play sports". The best thing that ever happened was meeting her real friends. If she could change one thing, it would be depression and stress. If she could build one thing, it would be a new Lemon Avenue because of all the trees being cut down. Personal goals are to be a tennis champion, become an artist and plastic surgeon, and to get good grades to satisfy her strict Asian parents.

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.