

Kiwanis Honors Longden Elementary School Students Louise “Lulu” D’Orange, Bodie Kelley, and Justin Yap October 22, 2019



The Kiwanis Club of Temple City recognized three outstanding students from Longden Elementary School. Accompanying the students was their teacher Mr. Greg Shahoian who is celebrating his 24th year in the TCUSD.

Louise is 11 years old and has an older sister. She enjoys water polo and most types of music. Louise said, “The best things about Longden are my friends, science experiments, and lunch”. The best thing that ever happened was being born. If she could change one thing, it would be to not have homework anymore. If she could build one thing, it would be a giant turtle pond for a ton of turtles that you could possibly swim with. Personal goals are to do well in school, become a professional water polo player, and attend UCLA.

Bodie is 11 years old and has five brothers and sisters. He enjoys playing baseball and video games. Bodie said, “The best things about Longden are my teachers, the amount of homework, and the food”. The best thing that ever happened was when he was born with a deflated lung, but was saved by a loving doctor. If he could change one thing, it would be to have our society become more caring for those without food. If he could build one thing, it would be a giant animal shelter. Personal goals are to get a good job, good education, and good family.

Justin is 11 years old and has an older sister. He enjoys music, drawing, and martial arts. Justin said, “The best things about Longden are the outgoing and friendly staff, ”. The best thing that ever happened was being allowed to start music with several instruments. If he could change one thing, it would be the lack of equality with race and gender. If he could build one thing, it would be a homeless shelter with an extended staying time. Personal goals are to get into a healthier work flow, begin mixing music, free up his extra time so he can do more.

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, and a photograph of them receiving their award along with a gift card for North Woods Inn. 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.