

Kiwanis Honors Dr. Doug Sears Learning Center Students Ysabella Bland and Mason Chong November 19, 2019



The Kiwanis Club of Temple City recognized two outstanding students from the Dr. Doug Sears Learning Center. Accompanying the students was their teacher Mrs. Shannon Findley. Mason's father was also in attendance

Ysabella is 16 years old and enjoys makeup, dance, painting, and exercising. Ysabella said, "The best things about the Learning Center are being able to have a flexible schedule that allows me to tend to other responsibilities, the help and guidance I receive from staff and students, the opportunity to excel and achieve my goals". The best thing that ever happened was switching from public school to online school and the growth she experienced in the last two months. If she could change one thing, it would be the racism and discrimination issues regarding minorities. If she could build one thing, it would be an app that gives free transportation to those who depend on rides to school. Personal goals are to be more positive and see the brighter side of a bad situation, giving herself credit for all her hard work, not be so hard on herself and acknowledge when a break is needed.

Mason is 14 years old and has a younger brother. He enjoys playing the guitar and golf. Mason said, "The best things about the Learning Center are the supportive teachers, and having independent study teaches me to manage my time". The best thing that ever happened was being born into a world where people care about each other. If he could change one thing, it would be to stop all the conflicts in the world. If he could build one thing, it would be a homeless shelter for people in need where they can get food, education and health services. Personal goals are to keep his grades up, listen better so he can cooperate with people better, and learn as many Beatles songs on the guitar.

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 for North Woods Inn for \$15, 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.