



Kiwanis Honors Oak Avenue Intermediate School Students Samarah Joshiakar and Emilio Madrigal November 17, 2020



The Kiwanis Club of Temple City recognized two outstanding students from Oak Avenue Intermediate School. During this time of pandemic our club recognized these great students at a virtual Zoom meeting.



Samarah is 12 years old and in the 7th grade. She is in Ms. Sy's class. She enjoys playing golf, reading and drawing. Samarah said, "The best things about Oak Avenue are all the electives Oak offers, all the great and hard-working teachers that want all their students to succeed, and the extra activities outside of school such as clubs, sports, and ASB. The best thing that ever happened was playing golf because it changed her life forever and paved the way for so many opportunities.

If she could change one thing, it would be to change world homelessness because it is unfair that children have to live on the streets. If she could build one thing, it would be a charity for underprivileged families. Personal goals Samarah is striving for is to get straight A's, receive a Toyota Tour Cup in golf with a scholarship, and keep herself mentally and physically strong.



Emilio is 12 years old and in the 7th grade. He is in Mr. Villegas' class. He has a younger sister and enjoys reading, science, learning about mythology, and gaming like any other kid. Emilio said, "The best things about Oak Avenue is being a part of ASB and JSA, feeling welcomed with open arms even though it is his first year at Oak, he also appreciates the great lengths teachers and staff have gone through to make distance learning a positive experience for all students. The best thing that ever happened is all the great opportunities that have come his way and for all the people that love and support him.

If he could change one thing, it would be to eliminate inequality by instilling more human kindness. If he could build one thing, it would be a network of food banks to ensure no child goes hungry. Personal goals Emilio is striving for are to maintain good grades, obtain a degree in forensic science, and see all seven wonders of the world.

Each month the Temple City Kiwanis Club is pleased to recognize outstanding students and their teachers from La Rosa, Cloverly, Emperor, Longden, Oak Avenue, Dr. Doug Sears Learning Center, and Temple City High School. Students receive a certificate, a letter for their parents, and a bumper sticker. 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.