



## Kiwanis Honors Oak Avenue Intermediate School Students Deidra King and Jacob Sanchez January 19, 2021



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.



**Deidra** is 13 years old and in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. She is in Mrs. Bourjeili, Ms. Vasquez, Ms. Song, Mrs. Joe, Mrs. Arrighi, Mrs. Kunkel, and Mr. Folsom's class. She has a new-born sister and enjoys dance, crafts, and cooking and baking. Deidra said, "The best things about Oak Avenue are the nice and caring teachers, the helpful and understanding staff and administration, and it's nice to learn with her friends and helpful peers." The best thing that ever happened was getting her puppy, Lylah, because she brightens my day and makes me laugh".

If she could change one thing, it would be to not get cancer and endure chemotherapy and the side effects that came with it. If Deidra could create one thing, it would be a shot to cure and prevent all types of cancer. Personal goals are to get both her left and right splits, maintain good grades to get into a good college, and to gain muscle so she can get stronger and regain her strength.



**Jacob** is 14 years old and in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. He has an older brother and sister and playing video games, soccer, and riding his bike. Jacob said, "The best things about the Oak Avenue are the kind and helpful teachers, the extracurricular activities, and healthy lunch options." The best thing that ever happened was scoring five goals in a soccer game and going to Dave & Busters to celebrate.

If he could change one thing, it would be to find a way to help homeless people so they don't have to sleep on the streets and receive food to eat. If Jacob could build one thing, it would be mini homes for people who need shelter. Personal goals he is striving for is to get straight A's, to work out and get stronger and faster, and to volunteer at food banks with his father.

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 normally 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](http://www.templecitykiwanis.org).