## Kiwanis Honors Dr. Doug Sears Learning Center Students Albert Hwong and Virgil Rojo February 16, 2021



The Kiwanis Club of Temple City recognized two outstanding students from the Dr. Doug Sears Learning Center. During this time of pandemic our club recognized these great students at a virtual Zoom meeting.



Albert is 18 years old and in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. He is in Mr. Andrew Jahan's class. He has an older brother and enjoys riding his bike around the city, playing video games, playing tennis, reading, and drawing. Albert said, "The best things about the Learning Center are everyone is so kind, there isn't as much homework compared to the High School, and the teachers actually care about your well-being." The best thing that ever happened was when he met and became friends with his childhood friend.

If he could change one thing, it would be his family because his mother and father are separated and don't get along with each other. If Albert could build one thing, it would be a computer that he could customize and understand how it works. Personal goals are to build a computer, find out what he wants to strive for in the future, and be a good son to his family.



**Virgil** is 16 years old and in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. He is in Mr. Andrew Jahan's class. He has four brothers and sisters and enjoys playing basketball, football, and online games on his computer. Virgil said, "The best things about the Learning Center are the really helpful and nice teachers, the school provides an education in a more understandable way, and the classes we have are the best I've ever had." The best thing that ever happened was having older and younger brothers and sisters.

If he could change one thing, it would be to have an opportunity to go back and actually focus on school and his grades. If Virgil could build one thing, his dream would be to build a house with a outside basketball court. Personal goals he is striving for are to get good grades, make it to the NFL, and have something to fall back on.

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, on their Facebook page, and the Superintendent's monthly newsletter.

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.