



Kiwanis Honors Longden Elementary School Students Rylan Chau and Jillian Si February 16, 2021



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



Rylan is 12 years old and in the 6th grade. He is in Mr. Greg Shahoian's class. He has an older sister and enjoys building, baking, origami, and electronics including wires and circuit boards. Rylan said, "The best things about Longden are being able to socialize with my friends, learning new things while receiving an education, and Longden's extra-curricular activities such as Tiger Times, Science Olympiad, and the Student Council's participation in the Camellia Festival." The best thing that ever happened was his summer vacation to Orlando, Florida. Fulfilling his bucket list of going on roller coasters at Disney World and Universal Studios

If he could change one thing, it would be his Dad's back and leg problems. He had polio when young. If Rylan could build one thing, it would be a backyard roller coaster, or a Rock-A-Fire explosion animatronic. Personal goals are to get accepted to Caltech, learning to code Arduino, and master the art of macarons and sourdough.



Jillian is 12 years old and in the 6th grade. She is in Mr. Greg Shahoian's class and enjoys sewing, cooking, reading, and art including painting, crafts, and drawing. Jillian said, "The best things about Longden are spending time with my friends, the group projects, and the fact that teachers and staff give consideration to student's thoughts, ideas, and choices." The best thing that ever happened was going to El Nido, Philippines with her family.

If she could change one thing, it would be to be able to see her cousins, uncles, and aunts whenever she wanted to. If Jillian could build one thing, it would be a machine that made infinite vaccines and medications that cured any disease, virus, injury, or disability. Personal goals are to get straight A's in all subjects, get a dog, and to become more self-reliant.

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.