



Kiwanis Honors Temple City High School Students Valeria and Diana Rodriguez April 20, 2021



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



Valeria is 16 years old and in the 10th grade. She has a twin sister who is also being honored. She also has an older brother. Valeria is in Ms. Monica Viss's class and enjoys watching Animes such as Attack on Titan, Tokyo Ghoul, and Parasyte. She also does origami and likes to skate. Valeria said, "The best things about TCHS are the people at my school and the ones who make the environment safe and fun, the staff make me feel safe, secure, and they make me laugh, our Principle is the best at solving certain situations." The best thing that ever happened to her has not happened yet because she is still young.

If she could change one thing, it would be to change how others respect each other since not everyone knows their backstories. If Valeria could build one thing, it would be a dream house for her mother and brother, and I would like to let my family in Mexico live in the United States with us. Personal goals she is striving for are to become a real estate agent, complete college to make herself and mother proud, and lastly learn how to pop shuvit (a skateboard trick).



Diana is 16 years old and in the 10th grade. She has a twin sister who is also being honored. She also has an older brother. Diana is also in Ms. Monica Viss's class and enjoys playing games in her free time, listening to music, and walking. Diana said, "The best things about TCHS are the students and teachers as they are very respectful and encouraging, the classes are honestly amazing, I love all my teachers, and how much the school involves the students for almost everything." The best thing that ever happened was being able to stay at home and bond more with her family and get closer.

If she could change one thing, it would be how the virus affected her as a person. If Diana could build one thing, it would be a shelter for the homeless so they can have a warm and safe place to live. Personal goals Diana is striving for is to pass her sophomore year, to be happy with herself and the decisions she makes, and get a job to help pay bills and personal costs.

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.