



Kiwanis Honors Temple City High School Students Karina Pan and Suraj Shah May 18, 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.



Karina is 16 years old and in the 11th grade. She is in Ms. Monica Viss's class and enjoys listening to music, playing the guitar, staying up on current events, going on long walks with her family, and mental health advocacy and education. Karina said, "The best things about TCHS are the supportive teachers, hardworking student body, and the adaptive learning environment." The best thing that ever happened to her was meeting her incredibly supportive and caring friends.

If she could change one thing, it would be to reduce the stigma around mental health and asking for help. If Karina could build one thing, it would be a utopian empire to unite people of all races, religions, genders, cultures, and ethnicities. Personal goals she is striving for are to take time every day to care for her mental health, recognize her flaws and actively work to fix them, and spend time with her parents and friends and checking up on them often.



Suraj is 18 years old and in the 12th grade. He is in Mr. Raul Acevedo's class. Suraj has an older sister and enjoys musicals, 3D modeling and printing, Band (percussion), motion graphics, video editing, and woodworking. Suraj said, "The best things about TCHS are the supportive teachers and staff, the school spirit during spirit week, and the CTE classes." The best thing that ever happened was for his 17th birthday friends surprised him with a virtual zoom birthday party.

If he could change one thing, it would be to stay in daylight savings time and stop switching in and out of it. If Suraj could build one thing, it would be a machine to do his hair in the style of a helmet every morning. He would put his head in it and choose a hairstyle, and the machine would use the right product and brushes to get the desired state. Personal goals Suraj is striving for is to be more self-confident, be a positive impact to those around him, and have better work ethics to limit his procrastination.

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.