

# Kiwanis Honors Longden and Community Learning Center Students

Kiwanis Club of Temple City was pleased to have honored seven students from Longden and the Community Learning Center at their meeting, April 22, 2003. Pictured with the proud students is Superintendent, Dr. Joan Hillard, Longden teacher Mrs. Marcelle Ferguson, and CLC Principal, Dr. Doug Sears. Dr. Hillard was our speaker for the afternoon giving our members an update of the construction projects at all the schools and district office. Dr. Sears is especially proud of the CLC being accredited again by the California Model School Program. All the Longden students are in Mrs. Ferguson's class. All the CLC students are in Mr. Rod Kingry and Mr. Rick Nassif's class.

**Jason Chan** is 12 years old and likes games, drawing, bike riding, and card games. Jason said "the best things about school are the people are nice, it's big, and it's clean". The best thing that ever happened to him was being born. If Jason could build one thing, it would be a machine that could fix the ozone layer. Three personal goals Jason is striving for is to be a scientist, an archeologist, and to get his dog to listen to him (we all agreed the first two might be easier).

**Connie Peng** is 11 years old and likes basketball, and hanging out with her friends. Connie said, "the best things about school are the cool teachers, the fields are big, and the library has a whole lot of books to read". If she could build one thing, it would be a game shop. Three personal goals Connie is striving for are "to go to a university (we offered many suggestions), to get good grades, and to become one of the WNBA players".

**Aimee Hernandez** is 12 years old and likes reading, writing, and singing. Aimee said, "the best things about school are the teachers are nice, the good educational system, everyone is kind and friendly". The best thing that ever happened to Aimee was coming to our meeting to receive her award. If Aimee could change one thing, it would be that women are treated lower than men. Three personal goals she is striving for are "to help others, to become a better person, and to become a teacher".

**Monica Chong** is 18 years old and likes working at her restaurant hostessing job in Pasadena, and spending time with her close friends and family. Monica said, "the best things about school are the communication we have with our teachers and staff, being independent and working at my own pace, and one of the students who became a life long friend". The best thing that ever happened to Monica was coming to the CLC and changing her life around academically and personally. If Monica could build one thing, it would be a peace bridge where everyone would go to make peace with each other. Three personal goals she is striving for are "completion of college (Cal State Northridge), finding out who I really am, and finding a successful career".

**James Loiacano** is 18 years old and likes playing bass, listening to music, military history, and fixing cars. James said, "the best things about school is the great learning environment, the staff, and the morning classes". The best thing that ever happened to James was coming to the CLC. If he could build one thing, it would be his own paradise on an island. Three personal goals James is striving for are "to graduate from the CLC, join and graduate from the Marine Corps, and to become a diesel mechanic".

**Michael Maguire** is 17 years old and likes playing golf and going to church. Michael said, "the best things about school are the teachers and other students, the curriculum, and being in a safe place to learn". The best thing that ever happened to Michael was coming to the CLC and becoming interested in golf. If he could change one thing, it would be: better opportunities for working teenagers. If Michael could build one thing, it would be the fanciest, most beautiful, gorgeous golf course in the world. Three personal goals Michael is striving for are "to be successful as I can, make as much money as I can, and to shoot the lowest possible golf score".

**Eileen Avila (not pictured)** is 17 years old and likes having conversations with her mom and spending time with her sister. Eileen stated, "the best things about school are the faculty and staff members, all the new friends I made, the environment and atmosphere the Principal has for the school". The best thing that ever happened to Eileen was meeting her boyfriend. If she could build one thing, it would be: a big home with lots of rooms for all the homeless women, men and children there are in the world. Three personal goals Eileen is striving for are "to graduate with my friends, going to college and getting a career, and to buy a house and a BMW".

Temple City Kiwanis Club is pleased each week to recognize outstanding students and their teachers from Cloverly, Emperor, Longden, and the Community Learning Center. Each student and their teacher is our guest for lunch. Students receive a certificate, a letter for their parents, a bumper sticker, a gift certificate from The Hat restaurant, and a photograph of them receiving the award.

Temple City Kiwanis has been serving our community since 1939. Our members are dedicated men and women who desire to make a difference in the quality of life for the Youth of Temple City. We meet 12:00 noon each Tuesday at Sir George's Restaurant. To find out more about Kiwanis please call Bob Tyler at (626) 285-6558.