

## **Kiwanis Honors Community Learning Center Students James Briggs, Tanya Samoiliw, Yahaira Perez, and Cory Gerlach**

Kiwanis Club of Temple City was pleased to have honored four outstanding students from the Community Learning Center at their meeting, March 16, 2004. Pictured with the proud students are Principal Dr. Doug Sears, and teacher, Mr. Blair Helberg. Dr. Sears gave our club an update on the accreditation process that the CLC recently participated in through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. A visiting team of 3 educators evaluated the self-study of the CLC over a three day period. Only a handful of Alternative Schools in California are accredited. The CLC should be very proud of its students, parents, and the community it serves. It is truly a partnership.

**James** is 17 years old and enjoys playing billiards. The three best things about school are the great teachers, small classrooms, and the good learning environment. The best thing that ever happened to James was finding a lotto ticket with \$20 on it. If James could change one thing in this world it would be better seats on the bus. Personal goals are wealth, independence, and a diploma.

**Tanya** is 16 years old and enjoys kickboxing, make-up, going to the gym and dancing. The best things about school are the independence, the teachers, and the environment. If Tanya could build one thing, it would be a club with a jungle theme that she would own. Three personal goals Tanya is striving for are to graduate, getting her dream career, and to make money.

**Yahaira** is 17 years old and enjoys dancing. The best things about school are working at her own pace, the great staff, and the school is not crowded. The best thing that ever happened to Yahaira was when she met her best friend. If she could build one thing, it would be a house for her mom in Mexico. Three personal goals Yahaira is striving for are to have a good life, a great career, and happiness.

**Cory** is 17 years old and enjoys movies, books, politics, money, work and traveling. The best things about school are the positive work place, the independence, and the possibility of obtaining his credits. The best thing that ever happened to Cory was when he came to the Community Learning Center. If he could build one thing, it would be an independent movie theater in his name, to sell tickets and run by his rules. Three personal goals Cory is striving for are to have complete independence, a high school diploma, and finishing his first screenplay.

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.