

## 2019 TYAF Outstanding Taiwanese American Youth Award

### Jason and Eric Liao

Jason and Eric Liao are both 11th graders at Wootton High School in Rockville, MD. They are twin sons of Mark Liao and Tehlin Lee. They are both active members in the Taiwanese community. Jason and Eric have been going to Washington DC Taiwanese School since they were 2 years old. They were both on the Taiwanese school Dragon boat youth team last year which had won bronze, silver, and gold medals. They have also been youth counselors at Dr. Liang's Summer Camp for 5 years. Jason and Eric are both on the varsity wrestling team at Wootton. They are county champs and both qualified for the Maryland State Wrestling Tournament. Last year, Eric won the state championship at 106 pounds. This makes him the first ever Taiwanese Maryland state wrestling champion.

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### Jemin Slack

Hi, my name is Jemin Slack, and I am currently a high school senior attending Quince Orchard High School. Ever since I was young, I always had a passion for creating things. Starting from creating things out of LEGO®, I've transitioned through many different mediums, including wood, digital creations through the means of Minecraft, and many more. Along with my passion for making things, I am a massive Star Wars fan, and throughout the past few years, I've made several iterations of costumes from the Star Wars universe. In my spare time, I do enjoy cycling and dragon boat rowing for my Taiwanese school. Currently, I am aspiring to be a mechanical engineer. I also do like to eat good food and play video games. I hope that everyone can learn something about me and appreciate my goals and interests.

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### Amanda Tang

Amanda Tang is currently seventeen years old and a senior at Langley High School in McLean, Virginia. There she participates in her school's Robotics, Cyber Patriots, and Quiz Bowl clubs.

On Friday nights, she sings in a chorus, and some of her favorite Taiwanese singers are 江蕙 and 五月天.

On the weekends, she spends her time painting and attending Taiwanese and Chinese school. She has gone to Taiwanese school since she was one and a half years old, and Chinese school since she was three. Amanda Tang is currently seventeen years old and a senior at Langley High School in McLean, Virginia. There she participates in her school's Robotics, Cyber Patriots, and Quiz Bowl clubs. On Friday nights, she sings in a chorus, and some of her favorite Taiwanese singers are 江蕙 and 五月天.

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