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**(WINNER'S NAME) WINS LOCAL COMPETITION IN  
CALIFORNIA LIONS CLUB STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST**

**(City, date)** -- **(Winner's full name)**, a **(grade level)** grade student at **(school name)**, has taken the first step to winning scholarships for college by winning a local competition sponsored by the **(name)** Lions Club.

**(Winner's last name)**'s speech was among more than **( # )** contestants in the annual California Lions Student Speakers **(Club, Zone, Region, District, Area, and State)** Contest. Multiple District Four California Lions Clubs International is sponsoring the program to emphasize the importance of public speaking as a critically important life skill to young people everywhere.

**"(Quote from winner describing their experience in the contest),"** the **(winner's age)**-year-old from **(city)** said. The speech was selected by **(name or if panel of judges list the name and title for each)** for its originality, main points being supported by evidence, conclusion, emphasis, voice control enunciation, pronunciation, sincerity, enthusiasm, poise, cohesive effort, logic, organization, speaker persuasiveness and adhering to the topic, **"(Freedom of the Press: What Does It Mean?)"**. The judging was held on **(date)** at **(location)**.

**(Club name)** Lions Club President **(Club President's full name)** said **(he/she)** was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students at **(name of school or youth group)**. "It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about current events. I'm so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their views and skill."

**"(Winner's last name)** will advance through the district levels, to compete at the multiple district state level of the competition if **(he/she)** is to accrue scholarships worth \$10,000," **(club president last name)** said.

The contestants can win various amounts of scholarships along the way to the final contest. "Our club is proudly promoting **(winner's first name)** as **(he/she)** advances in the competition, and we hope that **(his/her)** self expression and independent thinking inspires the public's perspective on this topic," **(Club President's last name)** said.

Locally, **(winner's last name)** and **( # )** other students will be honored for their participation by the **(name)** Lions Club on **(date)** at **(place)**.

View more inspiring stories at [www.md4lions.org](http://www.md4lions.org). Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.35 million members in 210 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1918, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world.