

## **Lions Opportunity for Youth Report**

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First Cabinet Meeting, Sat. July 22, 2023 from 8:30 AM to Noon  
Northgate UMC, 3700 W Northgate Dr., Irving, TX 75061

Two District 2-X1 LOFY 1st Place LOFY Contests winners competed virtually at the LOFY MD-2 Contests on May 4, 2023. Vinay Upadhyay, a Junior from Sunnyvale HS, competed in Drug Awareness Speech and Outstanding Youth Award contests, while Mandip Chhetri, a Senior from North Richland Uplift Preparatory competed in Diabetes Awareness Essay. Both are Leos, members of Dallas Everest Leo Club; both also sponsored by the Dallas Everest Lions Club.

Leo Vinay won 1st Place and \$3,000 scholarship in Drug Awareness Speech contest and won 3rd Place and \$1,000 scholarship in Outstanding Youth Award contest. As 1st Place winner, Leo Vinay presented his speech at the Opportunity for Youth Award Luncheon on Saturday, May 20, 2023 during the State MD-2 Convention in Fort Worth, TX. There were a total of 26 contestants at MD-2 LOFY Contests from various Districts. The luncheon was attended by over a dozen of Lions from our District and over 150 Lions from all over Texas.

This information had been sent to District Directory Committee in May along with their pictures as requested.

The 2024 LOFY Contests' topics will be announced after we heard from MD-2's 1st Council Meeting in Kerrville, TX, Aug. 4 and 5, 2023.

FYI, Leo Vinay will be the guest speaker at the Dallas Founder Lions Club's meeting on Friday, July 21, 2023, presenting his winning speech. Leo Mandip is accepted at Texas A&M to pursue a bachelor degree in Engineering this Fall.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nia MacKay, PhD  
Lions Opportunity for Youth Chairperson  
July 14, 2023