

### January 9, 2014 – LEE STUDENT WINS ROTARY SPEECH CONTEST

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David Eiker, a senior at Robert E. Lee High School, recently won the 2013 Rotary Four Way Test Speech Contest. The contest was held in Blacksburg, Virginia as part of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Seminar at The Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center. The seminar brings together young men and young women from as far away as Winchester, Virginia and Greenville, Tennessee and provides them with an opportunity to learn and practice leadership skills and develop new friendships. Participating high school Juniors and Seniors are asked to present a six-minute persuasive talk, directed towards their peers, to promote ethical decision-making and behavior that relates to the Rotary Four Way Test: In the things we think, say, and do -- 1.) Is it the Truth?, 2.) Is it fair to all concerned?, 3.) Will it build good will and better friendships?, and 4.) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

David was selected as one of six finalists by a panel of adult judges during the morning session of the event held on Friday, December 6. The six finalists delivered their presentations at the General Session in the afternoon. Students attending the RYLA selected the first, second and third place winners from the afternoon presentations. The three winners received: \$500, \$250 and \$100 for first through third places. David says he was very surprised when he won and is looking forward to presenting his speech and receiving his award check at the District 7570 Conference to be held at The Homestead at Hot Springs in March.

David is president of the Class of 2014 at Robert E. Lee High and plans to attend Virginia Tech or VCU to study architecture. He is the son of John and Michele Eiker of Staunton.



David Eiker, Robert E. Lee High School senior, presents his speech at the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Seminar.