



## **MD33 Leo of the Year Nomination**

### **Brandon Kee BVT (Blackstone Valley Tech) Leo Club**

After joining the BVT Leo Club on March 29, 2018, Brandon became a co-president almost immediately. His kind and humble character, intelligence, and organizational skills have led to his success in attracting new members and leading others to serve.

Brandon has led the Leos Journey for Sight as it has continue to develop over the past 3 years, to become the largest “fun” event that allows the entire school to participate, resulting in donations of over \$2000 to Mass. Lions Eye Research Foundation. He regularly participates in a Senior Center Dinner every month in Upton, weekly technology help for senior citizens in Uxbridge and in assisting visually impaired people at a monthly Walk-Fit program in Worcester.

This year alone, he has led his club in:

- Collecting and sorting eyeglasses by reinstalling eyeglass collection boxes at school (approx. 200 pair per year)
- Preparing meal packages for Rise for Hunger
- Serving at Mendon’s Senior Citizen of the Year banquet
- Attending a MA Lions Eye Research Facility visit to Tufts University
- Running the children’s activity area at Mendon Country Fair
- Creating a scene for Grafton Lions Haunted Hayride
- Serving at the Uxbridge Lions Car Show
- Sponsoring a local family with children for Christmas

Brandon also helped to plan events and motivate other Leos to attend the 33A Midwinter Conference. He regularly presents Leo updates at the beginning of sponsor Mendon Lions’ club meetings. BVT Leos’ membership has grown from 38 to 60 this past year, as communication among members has improved immensely with Brandon’s addition and use of a Leo Instagram and Twitter accounts. He expanded upon the use of the REMIND app to contact all individual members and advisors simultaneously with meeting reminders and activity info. Brandon also created an online store, allowing members to buy Leo apparel to spread the word about Leos.

Brandon was one of 2 Leos to be asked to serve on the 33A District Governor’s Cabinet for 2019-2020. He has consistently received Blackstone Valley Tech’s High Academic Achievement Awards and is a member of National Honor Society. He was named the District 33A Lions Young Ambassador in 2018.





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In his words, "The Leo Club program has provided me with numerous opportunities to volunteer and give back to my community. Through these experiences, I have developed leadership skills and I now truly understand the impact the youth can have on those around them."

Brandon has already positively impacted his community, and I am honored to nominate him for the 201-2020 MD33 Leo of the Year.

Yours,

*Colleen Oncay*

District Governor 33A





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Brandon(far left, blue sweatshirt) in Mendon Country Fair children's activity center.



New England Eye Center at Tufts, MLERFI visit



Brandon presenting Leos Update to sponsoring Lions Club (Mendon)





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Leo President Brandon leading before-school Club meeting



Brandon at Walk-Fit, St. Vincent's Hospital.

