



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Creative Celebration

KENNETH P. LAVALLE December 22, 2011



Dear Participant,

Thank you for your wonderful contribution to the Thanksgiving Day Creative Celebration. In our first year, we received outstanding poems, essays, and artwork that exemplify the creativity of New York State's young people.

The submissions received are remarkable in what they represent – showing gratitude and respect for family, friends, our troops fighting overseas, and many other important subjects

and activities. I am humbled and honored to see such inspiring contributions in response to what is a deceptively difficult question: "What are you thankful for?"

On behalf of the New York State Senate, I would like to offer my wholehearted congratulations to all of the participants in this year's Thanksgiving Day Creative Celebration.

Sincerely,

Senator LaValle

East Moriches Middle School

- Kaitlyn Abramski
- Matthew Batterson
- Ryan Brennan
- Sean Casey
- Bjorn Christensen
- Craig Connor
- Miranda Edwards
- Charles Fee
- Kevin Gillan
- Tyler Jacino
- Alen Muharemovic

- Christopher Olphie
- Van Passolo
- Kayla Puccio
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- Cheyenne Salerno
- Cynthia Sguazzin
- Annie Smith
- Cassandra Smith
- Mathew Stollow
- Sara Tursi
- Angela Yu

Miller Place High School

- Destiny Marino
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Montauk Public School

- Derek Adamcewicz
- Erika Dumacela

- Rafaela & Jen Messinger & Regan
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Southampton Elementary School

- Chris Cardel
- Sarah Delacruz
- Ishanti Gumbs
- David Mahoney
- Ga'Nayia Miller
- Ellis na
- Samira na
- Tonoa na
- Diego NA
- Gary Swanson

Springs School

- Sthefany Allyon

- Ethan Bennett
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- Alex Cazho
- Alex Cazho
- Alex Cazho
- Alfredo Chavez
- Aaron Clark
- christine cleary
- Christine Cleary
- Christine Cleary
- Christine Cleary
- Christine Cleary
- Ally Friedman
- Bailey Grant
- Bailey Grant
- Karyme Hurtado
- Julia Kearney
- Erin Kennedy
- Sophie Kiembock
- Sophie Kiembock
- Pamela Pillco
- Justin Rea

- Justin Rea
- Christina Terry
- Jennifer Toledo
- Cosett Torres
- Nicholas Wyche
- Nicholas Wyche

Tuckahoe Common School

- Jordan Hadix

Wading River Elementary

- Mika Misawa
- Brooke Roff
- Rachael Sereno
- Larissa Verdi
- Christopher Visintin

Westhampton Beach

- Jasmine Agme
- Davon Marotta

- Isabelle Smith
- Julia Smith
- Avery Solomon
- Sophie Waszkelewicz

West Middle Island Elementary School - Longwood School District

- Bradieanne Snyder
- Pauly .
- Ryan Amante
- Kevin B.
- Mia Cardemas
- Kylie Goldade
- Jennifer Greco
- Nicholas Greenwood
- Justin Gustta
- Lily Hicks
- David J
- Christian Joth
- Uzaim Memon
- Dakota Milacr
- Joey Murphy

- Casey Nedelka
- Jimmy Perlowitz
- Jennie Petty
- Gianna Porcasi
- Kristim Sullivan
- Branden Tello