



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Malcolm Smith

Creative Celebration

MALCOLM SMITH 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 Smith

Al-Iman School.

- [Syeda Imaan Rizvi](#)

Holy Family School

- [Fiorella Albines](#)
- [Nicholas Cervantes](#)
- [Abigail Fridman](#)
- [Michael Keyes](#)
- [Katherine Monge](#)
- [Alyssa Quan-Soon](#)
- [Jonathan Velasco](#)

P.S./I.S. 268Q

- Nauroz Farhan
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P.S./M.S. 138

- Victoria Aghwana
- Brianna Carter
- Barakat Fagbenro
- Tiara Marshall
- Sheryl Maxwell
- Makhii Napoleon
- Whitney Richardson
- Crystal Roper
- Teronn Wood

P.S. 174Q William Sidney Mount School

- Gloria Echevarria

P.S. 232

- Shannon Quejada

P.S. 232 Lindenwood

- Zuher Ibrahm

P.S. 253Q

- Alexia Ashmeed
- Benjamin Bayor
- Adam Braxt
- Robert Chumpitaz
- Leah Cummings
- christopher deleon
- Ivan Espinal
- Jeison Fernandez
- Osbaldo Flores
- Miguel Garcia
- Dwayne Grant
- Iesha Hunt
- Albina Jadadic

- Charisma Kersey
- Tamel Killett
- Chaquon Martin
- Isabella Melecio
- Dennis Molina
- Tatiana Molina
- Tiffany Monzon
- Darren Narain
- Davon Reed
- Gregorio Rios
- Jaron Walls
- jennifer vargas

Thurgood Marshall Magnet School

- Jazlyn Allison
- Mecah Halley

Yeshiva of Belle Harbor

- Ellinore Hazan
- Leah Esther Ostroff
- Tehila Ostroff