



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

John L. Sampson

Creative Celebration

JOHN L. SAMPSON 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 Sampson

Herman Schreiber School P.S. 279

- Folaremi Akinyemi
- Folarin Akinyemi

P.S./I.S. 323

- Nature Atkins
- Emmanuel Davis
- Sean Davis Jr.
- Catty Deoki
- Shana Kay Gordon
- Baleria Guzman
- Jasmine McPhail
- Whitney Moore
- Darnell Smith
- Quazia Stroman
- Tziah Townsend
- Moses Vanderhorst

P.S./I.S. 66

- Kyleah Beckles

- Robert Gales
- Anthony Saddler

P.S. 156 The Waverly School of the Arts

- Jazmyn Jones

P.S. 165

- Keaira Frederick
- Martine Jenkins
- Nadine Jenkins
- Faith Ward

P.S. 204 Vince Lombardi Elementary School

- Gianna Pendergast
- Isabella Pendergast

P.S. 232Q The Walter Ward School

- Vincenzo Colamarino

P.S. 279

- Raodatullah Abodunrin
- Lailah Abrahams
- Anuoluwa Adekoya
- Precious Adelaja
- Afnan Akinyele
- Omar Aly
- Alexander Anderson
- Christopher Aubin
- Carly Auguste
- Alonzo Austin
- Destiny Benson
- Shakira Brown
- Quintonice Browne
- Jayden Campbell
- Dylan Castell
- Cedric Cesar
- Nathan Charles
- Clarise Clarke
- Elizabeth Collins
- Dominique Desrosier
- Ken Diaz
- Gabrielle Dodson

- Kenya Eastimarl
- Brianna Espinoza
- Isaiah Felder
- Damanique Florestal
- Kaya Fraser
- Cylena Gabbidon
- Milan Gayle
- Amanda Gentles
- Catera Gonzales
- Alexia Hawkins
- Jordyn Hooks
- Adrianna Jarvis
- Johnathan Jimenez
- Chenelle Jones
- Emily Kennedy
- Jessica Kennedy
- Daniel Kirkland
- Silas Lavino
- Silas Lavino
- Elijah Lewis
- Elijah Lewis
- Xander Luke

- Michael Marin
- Rogelio McCarthy
- Zahra McClymont
- Angel Michela
- Renee Munro
- Caiden Neptune
- Brandon Peter
- Shaniya Phillips
- David Rakhamim
- Meszion Ramsden
- Meszion Ramsden
- Jediah Randolph
- Brandon Rodney
- Kimora Royall
- Melina Scott
- Massia Scriven
- Iysis Skinner
- Shadine Stone
- Ashraf Taousse
- Caliph Taylor
- Divinete Warren
- Glen Weeks

- Kala Williams
- Zedan Williams

P.S. 66

- Nasandra Bent

P36K

- Jaden Barnes
- Vincent Barnett
- Imani Boynton
- Henoc Charlot
- Genaro Collado
- Angel De Jesus
- Omarion Ford
- Hesham Ghonim
- Micah Gordon
- Tony Johnson
- Syasiah Lefry
- Taron McKnight
- Thomas Moore
- Jamaya Nelson
- Joseph Occhipinti

- Joseph Perez
- Asaiah Rennis
- Irulan Rios
- Eric Robinson
- Justin Spann
- Tyron Stoves
- Nasir Warren
- Dytajah Watkins
- Donovan Whitley