



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Ruben Diaz

## Creative Celebration

[RUBEN DIAZ](#) 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 Diaz

# Archimedes Academy

- Ryan Abdulla
- Alexis Acquah
- Melchizedek Agyapong
- Elven Amponsah
- Kiara Barnes
- Andres Basantes
- Randolph Belez
- Marquise Blount
- Jose Campos
- Alicia Chantesquevara
- Christian Colon
- Christopher Colon
- Micheal Cruz
- David Cruz III
- Syncere Davis
- Gil De Jesus
- Justice Del Cid
- Shelsea Duran
- Izuchukwu Ebere
- Daishawn Edwards

- Sabian Feliciano
- Jose Franco
- Kaydan Gabb
- Sarah Gardner
- Trinity Gardner
- Minhazul Haque
- Laurence Henderson
- Stephanie Jones
- Laiba Laisee
- Allen Moss
- Luis Nieves
- Axel Nunez
- Emmanuel Opoku
- Zekiya Otoo
- Justin Padilla
- Joseph Peralta
- Jose Perez
- Shaylen Philbert
- Ariana Pointer
- Ariana Pointer
- Emmanuel Popku
- Christian Rivera

- Kyra Rivers
- Justin Rodriguez
- Destiny Savage
- Devin Serrano
- Sammy Sosa
- Sebastian Tanco
- Justice Valentin
- Magnus Valle
- Anthony Vazquez
- Kimberly Vega
- Kyrah Williams
- Kyrah Williams
- Ashley Yamin

## **Holy Cross School**

- Brianna Joseph

## **P.S. 161x The Juan Ponce De Leon School**

- Enrique Rivera

## **P.S. 195**

- Yvette Aboagye
- Priya Baburam
- Angel Bencosme
- Jahshawn Bunche
- Leslie Cartagena
- Gabriel Cedena
- Ray Cintron-Seda
- Freddy Cruz
- Deerek Dominguez-Lopez
- Cesar Dominiguez
- Marquise Elie
- Franyeliz Fernandez
- Desmin Fludd
- ALEXIS FRIAS
- Jennifer Garcia
- Lucia Herrera
- Emely Hidalgo
- Shajidul Islam
- Ricardo Jaen
- Teresa Langlais
- Aadil Mamoojee
- Jessica Martinez

- Rachel Miranda
- Troy Murray
- Rosa Naula
- Rosa Naula
- Carolina Pena
- Kevin Picard
- Kayla Pigatt
- Kiriam Rentas
- Karen Reyes
- Kaylyn Rivera
- Diego Romero
- Abraham Talbert
- Brenda Velasquez
- Natalia Veliz
- Chyna vinson
- Yvelisse Wessigk

## **P.S. 5x**

- Chalea Blackwell
- Diamond Sanchez
- Justin Soto

# Saint Raymond Elementary

- Brianna Nieves

# St. Helena School

- C. Brown
- M. Canselo
- M. D.
- O. Evans
- J. Fernandez
- S. Gainey
- A. Gonzalez
- D. Henry
- P. Houston
- S. M.
- Maria Plaza
- Maria Plaza
- N. Pol
- D. Reyes
- K. Rodriguez
- J. Rosario
- A. Santiago

- C. Singh
- M. T.
- A Vidal

## **St. Joseph School**

- Ashley Brown
- Jeremy Delerme
- Jeremy Delerme

## **St. Raymond's Elementary School**

- Amadou Sowe
- Diomar Tejeda