



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Creative Celebration

DEAN G. SKELOS 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 Skelos

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- Violet Burbaran
- Mackenzie Collins
- Joe Joe Derasmo
- Erica Giannetti
- Katie Giordano
- Patrick Hickey
- Daniel Jacoby
- Michael Jager
- Jillian Jeacoma
- Ashley Ladner
- Erich Lipner

- Jordyn Marro
- Ria Mehta
- Suraj Mohan
- Alex Risi

Hewlett

- Alana Schrager

Hewlett Elementary School

- Ariana Baksh
- Ariana Baksh
- Ethan Baksh
- Izabella Bostina
- Grace Browse
- Madison Cosentino
- Madison Cosentino
- Tracy Davidson
- EMMA GALLEGO
- sophia Hillsberg
- Antony Isayev
- Iqra Kapadwala

- sarah krevans
- Jaimie Krueger
- Mithuna Kumar
- Morgan Lee
- Shirley Leshem
- Omar Maqsudi
- Grace McBrien
- Megan McBrien
- Harry McNeil
- Liliana Ospina
- Louis Pilao
- Sarah Rodolitz
- Gabriela Sciarotta
- Ashley Shanab
- Lawrence Straschnow
- Simone Sturman
- Chestine Tomas
- Vanessa Valenti
- Chloe Van Steertegem
- Talia Winiarsky

Holy Name of Mary

- Deidre Higgins

Ogden Elementary

- Chloe Antoine
- Harry Arzouman
- Amen Atif
- Rachel Borukhov
- Gabrielle Brailovskiy
- Jake Burkhart
- Bharvi Chavre
- Matthias Cho
- Ashley Choi
- Levi Donato
- Antonio Egidio
- Jayden Francis
- Lawrence Froymovich
- Isabella Ginzburg
- Daniel Giron
- Michael Gordon
- Gabrielle Guagenti
- Maite Guillen

- Giovanni Howard
- Balwinder Kaur
- Jonathan Klayman
- Kelly Malina
- Hana Marmaras
- Yuval Moshe
- Gabrielle Newman
- Shari Nudelman
- Erika Paredes
- Shanzeh Sadiq
- Tyler Walter
- Jade Wilkes

Robert W. Carbonaro School

- Andrew Alvarez
- Stephan Baez
- Kyle Gabot
- Jaiden Martinez
- Nathanel Olivier
- Jesse Orozco
- Isabella Palfi

- James Quaranto
- Zachary Tarrant
- Kimberly Vera
- Matthew Wang
- Nicole Wojtkielewicz

West End Elementary School

- john bertolini
- John Bertolini
- Kayla Chico
- Jack Clausen
- Julia Comunale
- Amelia Dunat
- Jeremiah Herrera
- Cameron Heuer
- M ARISA HICKEY
- Rebecca Ortiz
- PATRICK OSNES
- Gabriella Rich
- Micaela Rodriguez
- Ethan Romano

- Carl Zou

Willow Road Elementary School

- Julia Barkoukis
- Taylor Cirri
- Deanna Cona
- Jillian Cosme
- Katie Davi
- Tess Drosman
- Dean Giaconelli
- Santo Nunnari
- Isabella Scarpa
- Ashley Toma