



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Thanksgiving Essays and Contributions

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Dear Participant,

Thank you for your wonderful contribution to the Thanksgiving Day Creative Celebration. 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 David J. Valesky

Chittenango Middle School

- Brandon Benedict
- Autumn Cummings
- Griffin Darrow
- Tyler Daviau
- Blayde DeBlieux
- Courtney Fisher
- Jessica Garcia

- Justin Haynes
- Alexis Hladun
- Benjamin Kingsley
- Ethan Penfield
- Caleb Prenoveau
- Kaitlyn Simmons
- Devon Spaulding
- Keith Spurgeon
- Brenna Stanton

Cleveland Elementary

- Brandon Lyman
- Maria Pratico

Holy Cross School

- Omari Anderson
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- Haley Arbon
- Justin Berry
- Matthew Boule

- Christie Colson
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- Savannah Conway
- Nell DeChick
- Logan Demetros
- Kodi Dotterer
- Rachel Duggan
- Robert Finger
- Jonathan Gunn
- Andi Hunt
- Isabelle Kinsey
- Maia Marshall
- Emily Medicis
- Julia Medicis
- Jack Moore
- Garrett Morgan
- Mikey Petrell
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Owasco Elementary School

- Claire Alexander
- Claire Brundage
- Claire Brundage
- Griffin Dautrich
- Sarah Griffin
- Jadan Hand
- Katelyn Montone

Red Creek Middle School

- Meadow Alexander
- Makayla Blanchard-Davis
- Jayden Brown
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- Rhiannon DuVall
- Oliver Fralick
- Jacob Grago
- Jessica Holbrook
- Caleb Iozzio
- Kyle Malcott
- Lucas Maurizio
- Michael O'Connor
- Angelo Palermo

- Brock Spath
- Evan Stone
- Ethan Thompson