



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Creative Celebration

DEAN G. SKELOS December 6, 2013



Dear Participant,

Thank you for your wonderful contribution to the Thanksgiving Day Creative Celebration. This 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

Cedarhurst Number 5

- [Asmita Jaiswal](#)

Howard T Herbert Middle School

- [Carla Rene](#)
- [Halle Akaeze](#)
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- [Brianna Alvarez](#)
- [Matthew Avvinti](#)
- [joseph aycock](#)
- [Amanda Christodoulou](#)
- [Patrel Codling](#)

- Ryan Curra
- Ashanti Eskarge
- Brian Garcon
- Ana Giron
- Jake Hafker
- Hannah Hardeo
- Joshua Hillel
- Ayden Innocent
- daanish khan
- Jasia Kubik
- Eliza Lightner
- Santino Maione
- Olivia Marco
- kristen muniz
- Amanda Nagasawa
- Conner O'Reilly
- jimmy posada
- Christian Rodriguez
- Kyle Sajoyan
- Nicole Sangeniti
- Kayla Sukhnanan
- Christopher Tarmin

- Olivia Tarmin
- Neman Tokhi
- Stephanie Vasquez
- Mariah Verhun
- gregory weinstein
- McKenzie Young
- Juan Jolly

John Street School

- Connor Loehr
- Marissa Romano

Plaza Elementary School

- Jason Eusebio
- Jalea Eveillard
- Nicholas Fernandez
- Zulnie Floreska
- Kristen Gardner
- eve Levy
- Robyn Lindsay
- Eden Macklin

- Sarah McKeon
- Kaela Moscati
- Kimberly Raphael
- Phoebe Saquing
- Bridget Schwenker
- Sophia Smyth
- Joseph Wright Jr

Polk Street School

- Sanders Felix

Robert W. Carbonaro

- Maya Alschuler-Pierce
- Max Ayala
- Kibrue Basdeo
- Ryan Cera
- Maria Diaz
- Sean Doherty
- Erin Dowd
- Diego Etwarod
- Inayah Haukirs

- Devan Kingland
- Nicole Moreno
- Gabriella O
- Kalina Palas
- Teani Rammcharitar
- Angel Rodriguez
- Ethan Sanchez
- Maleya Terreira
- Joel Torres
- Tyler Touch

Valley Stream Christian Academy

- Jeremiah Barfield
- Oster Constant
- Christiana Delmadge
- Christopher Delmadge
- Joshua Dottin
- Priscilla Dounou
- Gabrielle Duncombe
- Joshua Estanislás
- Nia Hamilton

- Daniela Lemus
- Rayvon Nicholson
- Tyler Parchment
- Benjamin Racelis
- Christina Seebrath
- Rachel Varghese

William L. Buck School

- Graciela Alvarez
- Graciela Alvarez
- Kayla Avin
- Kayla Avin
- Arwa Baig
- Alexandra Bartolomeo
- Allie Bartolomeo
- Summer Benzola
- Jamal Bisnott
- Jamal Bisnott
- Meghan Casey
- Miles Caton
- Miles Caton

- Mia Chan
- Mia Chan
- Brandon Edquivel
- Brandon Esquivel
- Matthew Flores
- Kathleen Gattis
- Isabella Grasso
- Tabitha Henriquez
- Ivan Hostiuk
- Steven Huang
- Steven Huang
- Maqbool Ibrahim
- Maqbool Ibrahim
- Joshua Joachim
- Daniel Levine
- Daniel Levine
- Angelina Mercado
- Nicholas Morales
- Robert Munafo
- Robert Munafo
- Nicholas Parisi
- Nicholas Parisi

- Gabrielle Ramnarace
- Gabrielle Rivette
- Ariana Rodriguez
- Ariana Rodriguez
- Codi Rodriguez
- Codi Rodriguez
- Patricio Salazar
- Sofia Sanchez
- Sofia Sanchez
- Jake Smyth
- Jake Smyth
- Nathanael Taylor
- Nathaneal Taylor
- Sheyla Torres
- Ruby Volk

Willow Road Elementary School

- Rihanna Abreu
- Theona Alcala
- Angelo Anselmo
- Giovanni Antal
- Nolan Broderick

- Jonathan Brown
- Emmy Casimir
- Kimberly Castillo
- Derek Catalpa
- Elaine Ching
- Maggie Conklin
- Matthew Crimi
- Marco DiCostanzo
- Sabrina Garufi
- Magnus Gros
- Annaliese Jurena
- Hannah Lee
- Andrew Lusterino
- Jake Maldonado
- Gianna Maressa
- Isabella Matura
- Roldan Merisier
- Mia Montalbano
- Michael Nieves
- Agnelina Odone
- Nyla Phillips
- Hailey Quinlan
- Sofia Raza

- Gabriela Rivera
- Nora Rivera
- Nora Rivera
- Claudia Sanchez
- Kayla Santo
- Nicholas Scirica
- Andrew Seegel
- Jonathan Sossi Romano
- Jonathan Xavier