



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Thanksgiving Essays and Contributions

DAVID J. VALESKY December 6, 2013



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

- Dylan Cooper
- Mekenzie Dahlin
- Ashley Darling
- Devon Hardy
- Cory Jackowski
- Brianna Kelly
- Julia Koester
- Jada Masiclat
- Kennedy Sessler
- Ally Shoemaker

- Andrea Stanek
- Ethan Stansbury
- Samantha Stone
- Ashley Thompson
- Elizabeth Zachow

DeRuyter Central School

- Kyle Booth
- Brandon Burdick
- Nate Degear
- Nate Degear
- Hannah Farewell
- Piper Hakes
- Lily Harvey
- Connor Hathaway
- Cameron Judson
- Cameron Judson
- Adrianna Ladd
- Kayla Lawrence
- Molly Lawrence
- Morgan Lawrence

- Mya Lawrence
- Aliza Leduc
- Aliza Leduc
- Tayler Marshall
- Zachary Marshall
- Summer Mullen
- Zach Nellenback
- Dante Newton
- Jeramiah Phillips
- Adrien Ratliff
- Kevin Rose
- Tess Rounsaville
- Tess Rounsaville
- Kaleb Sorrells
- Elaina Stafford
- Chloe Stone
- Destinie Ward
- Ryan Wood

DeRuyter High School

- Kaylin Brown

Dr Edwin E Weeks Elem School

- Safi Yusuf
- Alina Colon
- Michael Darling
- Steniga Emery
- Fahmo Kerow
- Fahmo Kerow
- Elizabeth Tripp

Dr. King Elementary School

- Raul Colon
- Javeya Harvey
- Javeya Harvey
- Tyzavia Hills
- Tyzavia Hills
- Deborah Iradukunda
- Shamar Jones
- Inese Odom
- Inese Odom
- Ariana Pena
- Brandon Senior

- Malahahi Tucker

Ed Smith Elementary School

- Seham Dunaway
- Kelly Williams

Edward Smith

- Somaya Alhaja
- Isaac Anthony
- Addison Beyah
- Anthony Bryant
- Azir Germany
- Luca Grifasi
- Cassius Hance
- Zyaire Jamison
- Amadeus McClain
- Genesis Morales
- Mignonne Namatungo
- Timmary Perry
- Yousif Ridha
- Katrina Schep

Frazer Prek-8

- Amy Lipton

Huntington

- Elyssa Brown
- Alexis Gamble
- Devin Pogroski

JT Roberts

- Emma Cecile
- Alayna Cottet
- Alayna Cottet
- Elijah Livingston
- Harry McClain
- Tamaja Scott

Meachem Elementary

- On each submission

VanDuyn Elementary

- Rahmier Baines

- Imara Davis
- Hi-zharria Harper
- Ramell Hoyle Freelon
- Arissa Mack
- Antawn McGee
- Kyra Northrup
- Janiya Powell
- Kaydee Quinones
- Rein Richards
- Vani Singletary
- Amil Stroman
- Neysa Williams-Brantley