



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Ruth Hassell-Thompson

Thanksgiving Essays and Contributions

RUTH HASSELL-THOMPSON 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 Ruth Hassell-Thompson

Columbus School

- [Jaselyn Almonte](#)
- [Kemba Bennett](#)
- [Isela Gallardo](#)
- [Johann Moreno](#)
- [Chantal Romero](#)

Emmanuel Children's Mission

- [Leandra Archibald](#)
- [Alana Burke](#)
- [Mikayla Cudjoe](#)
- [Niquelle Johnson](#)

- Joshua Jones
- Raven-Aniah Jules
- Dennia Kerr
- Madison McCook
- Dayna Mclean
- Jenesis Norwood
- Crystal Ogilvie
- Mirelle Oloke
- Cailani Prince
- Moray Walker

Hamilton Elementary School

- Naomi Anderson
- Jasair Barnes
- Javauny Campbell
- Kevon Cooper
- Tanice Fairclough
- Angelica Garita
- Essence Gaynor
- Heily Gonzalez
- Bria James

- Kelinda Jeanty
- Justyce Lee
- Alyssa Maraj
- Arlenis Marmolejos
- Saniyah McGiver
- Leslie Ramirez
- Arianna Reid
- Yuneri Reyes Naredo
- Samantha Rosales
- khresten Sanchez
- Rebeck Valerio

P.S. 121 - Bronx

- Taemyia Alexander
- Destiny Ashley
- Divina Ashley
- Jennifer Feng
- Natasha Forte
- Emmanuel Gomez
- Makayla Graham
- Dayna Hernandez

- Jeremiah Mercado
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- Mansia Mono
- Jaylynn Ocasio
- Srijani Shreya
- Kaylee Skittone
- Kayla Torres
- Kristen Wallace
- Brielle Yencik

P.S. M.S. 20

- Kimberly Acosta
- Yasmin Alkaify
- Joana Binoshaj
- Carlos Clark
- Hector Eligio
- Adrian Espinosa
- Launora Gecaj
- Kiranjit Kaur
- Saied Khan
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