



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Thanksgiving Essays and Contributions

JOSEPH A. GRIFFO 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 Joseph A. Griffo

Albany Elementary School

- Fehmi Ahmeti
- Shannon Avolio
- AhJanae Cisson-Powell
- Alex D'Ambrosio
- Bella Dorsagno
- Dennis Ferhatovic
- Daniel Gazzilli
- DeQuan Guyer
- Alexis Jacobs
- Annie Le
- Emma Madigan

- Andrew Martino
- Olivia Matrulli
- Naida Mujkic
- Belmin Mustafic
- Weya Myint
- Tintin Nwe
- Jude Paladino
- Adem Rosic
- Lay Say
- Faith Wilk

Boonville Elementary School

- Carissa Bourgeois
- Brendan Czajka
- Kaitlin Gallo
- Emma Hennessey
- Kenzie Karpinski
- Aurianna Lastowski
- Brooke Ossont
- Myra Parzych
- Ireland Payne

- Kaitlyn Podkowka
- Zoey Pruckno
- Keyara Reppard
- Haven Shoemaker
- McKenna VanDreason
- Colin White

Camden Elementary School

- Katie Ammann
- Orion Anderson
- Sydney Bell
- Chance Bloss
- Blake Butler
- Jasmine Carey
- Karrington Christmas
- Sean Correia
- Brady Crawford
- Anna Dobransky
- Madalyn Johnson
- Tanner Kuc
- Tim Lipphardt

- Mackenzie Mix
- Casidee Scott
- Nathan Simmons
- Amber Sleeman
- Connor Stiles
- Michael Syrotiak
- Stephen Thalmann
- Emily Walker
- Faith Walker
- Nathan Warren

DPN Glenfield

- Kaden Thompson
- Ashley wright

DPN Port Leyden

- Grace Bailey
- Karly Matthews
- emily stinebrickner

DPN STEAM Adirondack Boonville Elementary

- Rachel Bellinger
- Sterling Brownell
- Bryce Chiocki
- Emma Flansburg
- Emma Flansburg
- Kaitlin Gallo
- sebastian Gerace
- Jack Hutton
- Englyn Payne
- Ireland Payne
- Dalton Shaffer
- Haven Shoemaker
- Quinn Shoemaker
- Chris Strobel
- McKenna Vandreason
- Brock Weiler
- Sarah Wiedmer

Jefferson Elementary School

- Noah Beckstead
- Karley Burnett

- Emmalee Coffin
- Keenan Easter

John E. Joy

- Korolus Akuany
- Kayend Bevilacqua
- Chase Calandra
- Shannen Calandra
- Alexis Casler
- Mia Evans
- Brynn Furbeck
- Santino Guiliano
- Haden Horton
- Dah Hser
- Drew Kopek
- Riley Lanzi
- PW Moo
- Natasha Moreno
- Alyssa Muessig
- Michael Occhipinti
- Tynisa Petrie

- Casey Podkowka
- Casey Podkowka
- Brianna Rivecca
- Emma Stevens
- Dominick Tallarino
- Pa Wah
- Damon Westcott

Lawrence Avenue Elementary School

- Madeline Wheeler

N. A. Walbran Elementary School

- Zachary Combs
- Zachary Combs
- Madeline Denison
- Faith Doyl
- Faith Doyle
- Emily Frank
- Alivia Franz
- Noah Gerling
- Noah Gerling

- Kaley Hamm
- Kaley Hamm
- Lily Loiodice
- Mya Melvin
- Eric Noga
- Eric Noga
- Tessa Reynolds
- Isabella Romano
- Payton Smith
- Jacob Usyk
- Crispin Velardi
- Sophia Zinicola
- Sophia Zinicola
- Joshua Zyskowski

New York Mills

- Madison Burnham

Nightengale Elementary School

- Christian Bullock
- Donovan Bullock

- Ethan Carr
- Hope Chapman
- Aidan Coleman
- Summer Breeze Crown
- Katie Cruz
- Abrial Daggett
- Kaileb Farley
- Kurt Fredericks
- Mitchell Gardner
- Zack Golden
- Ashlynn Goolden
- Jason Guiser
- Christian Harvey
- Jade Henry
- Oksania Hooper
- Gavin Jarrett
- Austin Keith
- Michael Kuhn
- Aletha Lanning
- Cameron LaPrade
- Owen Larrow
- Katelyn Legault

- Lydia Macgilfrey
- Rowan Mayette
- Tyler Newcombe
- Ariana Noriega
- Kailee Paige
- Dalton Pang
- Riley Pratt
- Kristin Rafter
- Jaelynn Richards
- Emily Shi
- Trent Smith
- Hayden Stevens
- Marguerite Strathmann
- Nolan Swiger
- Breanna Taraska
- Larsyn Vandermast
- Kai Vebber
- William Warren

Watson Williams Elementary

- Rahma Al Hallaq
- Samantha Brown

- William Preuss III
- Lleneila Rodriguez
- Imani Wilson
- Nan Zar