



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Thanksgiving Essays and Contributions

TED O'BRIEN 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 Ted O'Brien

Abelard Reynolds School #42

- [Jose Baez](#)

Brookview Elementary School

- [Alex .](#)
- [Aren .](#)
- [Cayden .](#)
- [Eoeder .](#)
- [Gredel .](#)
- [Mackenzie .](#)
- [Nick .](#)
- [Raseed .](#)

- Xavier .
- Natalie A.
- Charlie B.
- Meghan B.
- Tamaj B.
- Tinsay B.
- Will B.
- Isabelle C.
- Josiah C.
- Logan C.
- Tessa C.
- Thomas C.
- Jordan D.
- Tyler D.
- Natalie E.
- Giovanna G.
- Gabrielle H.
- Miah H.
- Gioaco I.
- Corey J.
- Maddyson J.
- Ronnie K.

- Thierry K.
- Andrew L.
- Anissa L.
- Isaiah L.
- Isaiah L.
- Noah L.
- Eve M.
- Kalli M.
- Samantha M.
- Chris N.
- Alex P.
- Ethan P.
- Giovanni P.
- Madelyn P.
- Aidan R.
- Amelia R.
- Noelle R.
- Amaya S.
- Andrew S.
- Glory S.
- Kyle S.
- Natalee S.

- Samantha S.
- Giannalise T.
- Alexa W.
- Liam W.
- Sude Y.

Calkins Road Middle School

- Erika Newcomb

HFL Manor School

- Trevor Lancto
- Amelia Schiedel

Honeoye Falls-Lima Manor School

- Paikea Chen
- Hailey Coller
- Adam Santucci
- Kaitlyn Yelencsics

Indian Landing Elementary School

- Grace Ertel
- Charleigh Grigaitis
- Connor Grossman
- Dahlia Harris
- Jake Poremba
- Sara Zeller

Manor

- sydney herrmann
- Ava Tillman

Manor School

- Hanna Coria
- Olivia Friedlander
- Ava Stern

Martha Brown Middle School

- jordyn bagley
- Connor Diem
- Aidan Dodd

- Nazir Dukes
- Aniyah Dukes- Snead
- Elizabeth Egan
- Michael Eichner
- Kyla Engleson
- Nya Garrett
- dylan ghaemi
- Stephen Herdzik
- samuel Hoyen
- Elizabeth Husarek
- Kayla Jones
- mikala kennedy
- Riley Kennedy
- Riley Kennedy
- Aidan Kolczynski
- Julian Konarski
- steven kondas
- Sasha Mandile
- halima mnongerwa
- Nick Monello
- emma monte
- Evelyn Moorehead

- Jake Mueller
- Jake Mueller
- Mackenzie Mulhern
- Trevor Mulhern
- Michael Nesser
- Jordan O'Brien
- Dyllan Sarich
- Ashley Spiegel
- Natalie Strapko
- nicholas stuart
- madalyn virts
- Aydan Warner
- Griffin Widrick
- Tamilya Wihlen
- Kiara Zanon

Nazareth Elementary

- Jadiel Delgado
- Alexander Dimock
- Benjamin Neil
- Ethan Smith

Saint Kateri School

- Daniel Spears
- Isabella Testa
- Caitlin Welch

Seneca School - West Irondequoit CSD

- Audrey A.
- Gianna A.
- Layla A.
- Aalaysia B.
- Adam B.
- Angelo B.
- Eleanor B.
- Elia B.
- Gracie B.
- Julia B.
- Kailey B.
- Madison B.
- Maeve B.
- Maggie B.
- Mark B.

- Max B.
- Ryan B.
- Saia B.
- Sophia B.
- Zoe B.
- Adriana C.
- Allison C.
- Bailey C.
- James C.
- Johnny C.
- Jonah C.
- Kaitlyn C.
- Olivia C.
- Richard C.
- Steven C.
- Annika D.
- Audriana D.
- Emily D.
- Masyn D.
- Morgan D.
- Nate D.
- Owen D.

- Tobias E.
- Austin F.
- EmmaLynn F.
- Levy F.
- Noah F.
- Nora F.
- Ruby F.
- Sophie F.
- Thomas F.
- Jackson G.
- Tatum G.
- Wyatt G.
- Aidan H.
- Keira H.
- Ryan H.
- Serah H.
- Tommy H.
- Iraya Heath
- Alec I.
- Mia I.
- Carrig J.
- Brandon K.

- Jessica K.
- Lily K.
- Sophie K.
- Josh L.
- Kennedy L.
- Kenyen L.
- Mariesa L.
- Matthew L.
- Reanna L.
- Ayden M.
- Daniel M.
- Eleanor M.
- Kamila M.
- Liam M.
- Mary M.
- Valentino M.
- Valentino M.
- Adam N.
- Jay N.
- Brandon O.
- Carlin P.
- Collin P.

- Isabella P.
- Maddie P.
- Marin P.
- Michael P.
- Natalie P.
- Nathan P.
- Nicholas P.
- Tramell P.
- Zachary P.
- Isabella Q.
- Corinthian R.
- Ida R.
- Jackson R.
- Marley R.
- Meghan R.
- William R.
- Abbey S.
- Angelina S.
- Avrie S.
- Finnegan S.
- Jacob S.
- Johia S.

- Logan S.
- Madeline Sweeney
- Aidan T.
- Alex T.
- Anthony T.
- Daniel T.
- Jack T.
- Joey T.
- L. T.
- Leo T.
- Leo T.
- Nathan T.
- O. T.
- Sophia T.
- Andrew V.
- Dominic V.
- Giovanni V.
- Larija V.
- Quinn V.
- Abby W.
- Clair W.
- Cole W.

- Michael W.
- Reid W.
- Tamyra W.
- William W.
- Alyssa Y.
- Ava Z.

St. Kateri

- Samantha Geraci-Zicari

Victor Intermediate School

- Kristin Guckian
- Julie Saunders