



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Jeffrey D. Klein

## THANKSGIVING ESSAYS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

JEFFREY D. KLEIN December 2, 2014



Dear Participant,

Thank you for your wonderful contribution to the Thanksgiving Day Creative Celebration. In our first 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 Jeffrey D. Klein

## **Emmanuel Children's Mission**

- [william otondi](#)

## **New Covenant Christian School**

- [kaitlin miller](#)

## **PS 36x Union Port School**

- [Alex Almodovar](#)
- [George Alvarado](#)
- [Angelica Chandradat](#)
- [Tatyanna Davidson](#)

- Gianna Done
- Salena Gafur
- Jason Gonzalez
- Justin Jaipersaud
- Davian Job
- Selena Ly
- Andrew Manigault
- Siannali Mateo
- Class 312 Ms Sacerio
- Class 312 Ms Sacerio
- Class 310 Ms. Betancourt
- Anaya Nunez
- Jennifer Otero
- Joanne Paguay
- Anthony Price
- Anthony Ransom
- Destiny Rivera
- Victor Rosario
- Jaydah Stone Smith
- Melissa T
- Abihd Talukder
- Kyla Vasquez

## **PS/MS 498 Van Nest Academy**

- Jason Ocasio

## **SAR Academy**

- Dahlia Bernstein
- Josh and Rebecca (twins) Brody
- Talia Kobrin
- Lily Oberstein
- Talia Pollack
- Eytan Saenger
- Zehava Shapiro
- Dorit Shendelman
- Erin Shteingart
- Jessica Sperling

## **Shining Stars Preschool**

- Alicia Ocasio

## **Talented and Gifted School for Young Scholars**

- Michael Batavia

- Natalie Carpinteyra
- Milan Garcia
- Ashanty Guillermo
- Rodoshi Islam
- Rodoshi Islam
- Jeelin Liu
- Bella Lloclla
- Bella Lloclla
- Makayla Persaud
- Nicole Persaud
- Mahi Rahman

## **Van Nest Academy**

- Emma Lachowski