



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Ruth Hassell-Thompson

THANKSGIVING ESSAYS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

RUTH HASSELL-THOMPSON December 2, 2014



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

Emmanuel Children's Mission

- Janay Beauvais
- SHANEIK BUCHANAN
- Rianna Clarke
- Deanna Cummings
- Kaitlyn Gonzalez
- Jazmyn Gyapong
- Shaun Hinds
- Sheridan Hinds
- Shervonne Hinds
- Aaden Johnson
- Breanna Johnson
- Dylan Jules
- Matthew Moore

- Rashawn Morrison
- Jenessis Norwood
- Crystal Ogilvie
- Mirelle Oloke
- Milan Otondi
- Savanna Reid
- Shanice Reid
- Gabriella Rohlsberger
- Jahtienai Samuels
- Vanessa Stewart
- Sheree Thomas
- Michael Thompson
- Alyssa Webb
- Maya Webb
- Patrick Wheatle Jr.
- Isaiah Williams

Grimes

- Jay-Len Bennett
- Aniyah Caiafas
- Ashley Campbell
- Imarion Jones

- Tianna McLeish
- Amare Porter
- Amber Prasad
- Amya Short
- Antoy Thompson
- Nya Torres
- Tyreck Wilson

Lincoln Elementary

- Rama Saleh

Milestone School

- Bethany Jarrett
- Zyon Lord
- Morgan Young

New Covenant Christian School

- Oneka Henry
- Oneka Henry
- Oneka Henry
- Oneka Henry

- Laylah Lewis
- Brianna Nelson

Sacred Heart School

- Keley Morgan

Talented and Gifted School for Young Scholars

- Anthony Alexander
- Cherish Amoako
- Cherish Amoako
- Idalys Gutierrez
- Nayo Miyakoshi
- Samia Nln
- Melanie Paredes
- Zion Porter