



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## THANKSGIVING ESSAYS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

DEAN G. SKELOS 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 Dean G. Skelos

## **Alden Terrace School**

- Success Adiele
- Kene Agu
- Farah Alhayek
- Najla Beausejour
- Sharaim Best
- Patrick Burke
- Kayla Duncan
- Katrell Freeman
- Keon French
- Malik Hyman
- Aliyah Marshall
- Kymani McDonald
- Hanz Mugar
- Valerie Muse
- Adedeji Oyefeso

- Jasir Parker
- Matthew Persaud-Barrett
- Stephanie Robinson
- Aiden Sarjoo
- Ashley Suazo-Giron
- Stephen Wynter

## **East School**

- Will Pagan
- Nicholas Krzeminski
- Cooper

## **Fulton Ave School #8**

- Ella Spar
- Hinna Zeejah

## **Gotham Avenue**

- metabel assefa
- ricky celis
- Roshanel daley

- mariane george
- william holmes
- lexianne marner
- jordan mitchell
- Alyssa perez
- sara prashad
- Isabella rookhum
- ryan samaroo
- madison thompson
- chantal vargas

## **Henry Viscardi School**

- Dylan Cuevas
- Nyisha Lugo

## **Hewlett Elementary School**

- Samantha Almonte
- Julie Kobak
- Stefanny Lopes
- Caitlyn Maroney
- Ashley Martinez

- Benjamin Meringoff
- Isabelle Ovrutsky
- Kayla Velasquez
- Michael Volfman

## **Holy Name of Mary**

- Sophia Camulaire
- Rebecca Marie Carey
- Adrianna Coreas
- Majorie Hilaire
- Kelsey Leighton
- Nicholas Ortiz
- Dylan Taganes

## **James A Dever**

- Ashley Matos

## **Lawrence Middle School**

- Aidan Adams
- olivia adonis

- cameill alexander
- Daniela Andrade
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- Daniela Andrade
- Daniela Andrade
- Shelsea Arribasplata-Vera
- Shelsea Arribasplata-Vera
- Shelsea Arribasplata-Vera
- Shelsea Arribasplata-Vera
- Victor Arroyo
- Traeh Baxter
- Dayna Best
- Dayna Best
- Christoher Bonilla
- Natalie Bran
- Taylor Britton
- John calderon
- Andrew Carpio
- Daniel Carrion
- Angelica Castillo
- Angel Chun-Orellana
- fatima cubias

- Justin curra
- Nicholas D'Auguste
- Nader Daruvala
- Adamaris Davila-Valiente
- Icis Davis
- Icis Davis
- gianella donayre
- Deonte Dunbar
- Andres Duran
- John Escalante
- Bruce Espinal
- Natali Estrada Rivas
- Jose Garcia
- Forrest Gerlick
- Tiffany Godoy
- Emma Goorland
- Aneisa Grant
- Mathew Guevara
- Brandon Guzman Arriaza
- Sabrina Hernandez
- Asmita Jaiswal
- Van Johnson

- Joel Jonas
- Jared Jones
- luke kirchner
- Meira Lampert
- janelly larios
- Gabriel LeBlanc
- Carson Libbey
- Carson Libbey
- frankie mari
- Yuri Martinez
- Rachelle Martinez-Reyes
- Dashawn Mason
- Kaine McHale
- kaine mchale
- Christopher mejia
- Angie Melgar-Ramos
- Benjamin Molina
- Jared Morales
- Damien Morgan
- Shantel Murallez-Sosa
- Jairo Orozco
- Christian Ortiz-Porras



- Carina Osorio
- Lauren Parrotta
- Alexandra Patterson
- Rachel Perard
- Wendy pocasangre
- Aaron portillo
- Kimberly Ramirez
- Maddie Ramos
- Husnain Rana
- James Renderos
- brayan reyes
- madisen richards
- Thomas Rincon
- Alyssa ringel
- Krystyna Rios
- colleen rivera
- Brittanie Rodriguez
- carlos rosales
- carlos rosales
- Lisbeth Rosales-Reyes
- Brooke Roth
- Ganelle Russell

- Ghordyn Russell
- norrin santizo
- norrin santizo
- Daniella Sarro
- Amy Sharin
- Michael Stuparich
- Taesheyl Thomas
- Taesheyl Thomas
- Bence Tobar
- Atwahn Tolliver
- Atwahn Tolliver
- Ana Umana
- Thomas Vairo
- Shemar Vanderhall
- Gabriella Vargas
- Jeferson Vasquez
- Eniyaha Williams
- Monet Williams
- Niamya Wrighton

**Lindell School**

- Noah Alpern
- Manuel Bonilla
- Vince Casalaina
- Catherine Connelly
- Angel Cueva
- Alonso Espinet
- Lily Evans
- Logan Fitzpatrick
- Derek Jimenez
- Mikayla Nachman
- Eliana Park
- Owen Posner
- Jason Rea
- Jana Reynolds
- Victoria Rodriguez
- Louise Roser - Dialma
- Kieran Sandmeier
- Michael Steimle
- Maureen Surgot
- Ethan Verga
- Zachary Weiner

## **Oceanside School #5**

- Giancarlo Cusimano
- Katarina Engst
- Sean Feehan
- Jamison Nassar
- Allie and Sheridan Ortiz and Morgan
- Luv Patel
- Miray Yildirim

## **Oceanside Project Extra Program**

- Ioanna (page 2 attached) Savopoulos
- Ioanna (page one) Savopoulos

## **Our Lady of Lourdes/Mrs. Monfoletto**

- Grace Alger
- Brooke Heffernan
- Grace Morsellino
- Nicholas Signora

## **Plaza Elementary**

- Samantha Bearden
- Allana Brooks
- Chayse Charles
- Amyaih Drye
- Eric Funes
- Hubert Hendrickson
- Kerry Magner
- Kerry Magner
- Jayson Mehlman
- Matthew Okrokoto
- Malcolm Vann
- Abigail Waldh
- Christopher Zervos
- CHristopher Zervos

## **Polk Street School**

- julia fusco
- Isabella Magliaro

## **Saint Joseph School**

- Isabella Craven

- Thomas Craven

## **St. Joseph School**

- Edward Jansen

## **Waverly Park School**

- Olivia Ackerman
- Abigail Almonte
- Madison Becker
- Max Casares
- Zack Cohen
- Rachel Edelstein
- Noah Harwin
- Francesco Pavano
- Sivan Roditi
- Matt Sollitto
- Aidan Tessler
- Mia Tetelman
- Emma Lauren Ward

## **William S. Covert Elementary School**

- Francesca Delman
- Tobey Dwyer
- Sean Glynn
- Madison Gottcent
- Sophie Greenberg
- Emily Lauro
- Kendall Pinsky
- Sergio Rosa
- Benjamin Schlaich
- Harrison Sciallis
- Sarah Tear

## **WLB**

- Alexandra Bartolomeo
- Taylor Benzola
- Miles Caton
- Savanah Gourgue
- Josh Joachim
- Ethan Madray
- Samiya Rafeek
- Ruby Volk