



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

John J. Bonacic

## THANKSGIVING ESSAYS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

JOHN J. BONACIC 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 John J. Bonacic

**Kenneth L Rutherford**

- Rebecca Gannon
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- Audrey Hanna

## **KL Rutherford Elementary School**

- Lyric Hemion
- Druquan Hurley
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- Jayden Jones
- Lucja Lalewicz
- Karen Perilla-Buitrago
- Christian Reid
- Pedro Rodriguez
- Aden Stanton
- Faith Stickle -Dobbs
- Samsara Torres
- Greilish Valentin-Villafane
- Gabriella Vieira
- Nylaina Yearwood

## **Leptondale Elementary School**

- Vincenza Secor

## **New Paltz Middle School**

- Mena Bonagura
- Nicole Steinback

## **Ostrander Elementary school**

- Paula Esposito

## **OUBOCES/Goshen Intermediate**

- Meghan Gildea
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## **Pakanasink Elementary School**

- Jaylen Auston
- Alanah Bedford
- Gabrielle Rodriguez
- Cory VanDunk

## **Park Avenue Elementary School**

- Julia Bevacqua
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- Justin Hidalgo
- Hunter Kopczuk
- Julia Zangrillo

## **Townsend Elementary School**

- Faith Bakker
- Chyler Barnes
- Steven Brown
- Xander Davies
- Garrett Day
- Madison Greene
- Ashlyn Lane
- Bryce Lum
- Anthonie Mirabal
- Sophia Piro
- Julia Sousa

## **Tri-Valley Central School**

- Mark Bell

- William Dertinger

## **Tuxedo Park School**

- Christopher Hansen

## **Walton Central school**

- Faith Bakker

## **Washingtonville Middle School**

- Alexa Kneule