



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## THANKSGIVING ESSAYS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

DAVID J. VALESKY 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 David J. Valesky

## **Blessed Sacrament School**

- Miss Baird's K-B Class
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- Rosalie Smithers

## **Chittenango Middle School**

- Brooke Cullen
- Maggie Griffiths

## **Dr. King Elementary**

- Saadia Abdikadir
- Dynasty Agnew-El
- MayAngeli Alvarado
- Inez Cannon
- Inez Cannon
- Katrina Franklin
- Yavian Fuentes
- Jeylani Haji
- Joshclyn Harris
- Tyquanne Harris
- Ibrahim Hassan
- AnneMarie Herndon
- Telhia Hosea
- Ibrahim Ifton
- Shakera Kemp
- Shakera Kemp
- Ellis Kirby
- Kaiden Lawrence
- Kaiden Lawrence
- Kaiden Lawrence
- Aden Lazore
- Heaven Lynch

- Rimy Matthews
- Halima Mohamed
- Abu Mukoma
- Said Muse
- Annise Pascal
- Jaden Phoenix
- Ar'Dierre Reed
- Kymere Robinson
- Sekonda Sekonda
- Jeania Simpson
- Jeania Simpson
- Jeania Simpson
- Jeanifa Uwear
- Nariah Webb
- Jessonnah Wren
- Jessonnah Wren
- Zymier Zulueta

## **Eagle Wings Academy**

- Multiple Students

## **Frazer School**

- Amy Lipton
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## **Hughes**

- Multiple Students

## **Otto Shortell Middle School**

- 7th and 8th Grade French Class