



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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THANKSGIVING ESSAYS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

TED O'BRIEN 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 Ted O'Brien

Cobblestone School

- [Ms. Cori's Class Almekinder](#)
- [Ms. Barbie's Class King](#)
- [Ms. Claudia's Class Uffman](#)

Nativity Preparatory Academy

- [Manisha Giri](#)
- [Imani Holmes](#)
- [Kira Lahr](#)
- [Emani Rogers](#)
- [Eshmeron Subba](#)
- [Penny Tamang](#)

Northside School

- Morgan Rider

Saint Rita School

- Ava Mathis
- Adrianna Salina

Southlawn Elementary School

- Dena Kropman

The Charles Finney School

- Jadon Hallancia

Thornell Road School

- Jack Archer
- Noor Bains
- Alex Gill
- Sophie Girgis
- Peyton Hedgepeth
- Evan Kleindienst
- Cam Mazzacane

- Leah Rice
- Elliott Roes
- Lauren Rutledge
- Lindsay Whitaker