



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Thanksgiving Essays and Contributions

CATHARINE YOUNG 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 the inspiring contributions in response to such a meaningful and profound 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 Cathy Young

Allegany - Limestone Elementary

- Thomas B
- Gia L
- Ronni L
- aaliyah n/a
- aaron n/a
- Addison n/a
- Adhya n/a
- Alexis n/a
- Alyssa n/a
- Amara n/a
- Anaya n/a

- anna n/a
- Ashley n/a
- Aubrey n/a
- Avery n/a
- Brady n/a
- Braeden n/a
- Brayden n/a
- Brian n/a
- bryan n/a
- Bryce n/a
- Caleb n/a
- Calvin n/a
- Cameron n/a
- Cameryn n/a
- Cariey n/a
- Cate n/a
- Cayden n/a
- Caydence n/a
- Certation n/a
- Chase n/a
- Collin n/a
- Collin n/a

- Conner n/a
- Cooper n/a
- Dean n/a
- Dennis n/a
- Derek n/a
- Dominic n/a
- Donivan n/a
- Dustin n/a
- Dylan n/a
- dylan n/a
- ellie n/a
- Emily n/a
- Emmatt n/a
- Felicia n/a
- Gannar n/a
- Gavin n/a
- George n/a
- Gia n/a
- Gim n/a
- Iree n/a
- Isabella n/a
- Issac n/a

- Jaci n/a
- Jacob n/a
- joey n/a
- John n/a
- Jordan n/a
- Joscelyn n/a
- Julia n/a
- kailey n/a
- Kaleb n/a
- kiara n/a
- kylee n/a
- Kynler n/a
- Laney n/a
- Laren Ashley n/a
- Lauryn n/a
- Leah n/a
- legan n/a
- lincoln n/a
- logan n/a
- Luke n/a
- Lyla n/a
- Mackenzie n/a

- Mackenzie n/a
- Madison n/a
- Madison n/a
- madison n/a
- Mallory n/a
- Marrianna n/a
- Megan n/a
- Melissa n/a
- Melody n/a
- Mickey n/a
- Molly n/a
- Moniod n/a
- Mya n/a
- Noah n/a
- ns n/a
- Olivia n/a
- Paul n/a
- payton n/a
- Rael n/a
- river n/a
- ryleigh n/a
- Sarah n/a

- Sean n/a
- Seld n/a
- Serena n/a
- Sienna n/a
- Siky n/a
- Sophie n/a
- Stephan n/a
- Stephanie n/a
- taluesha n/a
- Tatymn n/a
- Taylor n/a
- Tiana n/a
- Tobie n/a
- Trinity n/a
- tyson n/a
- Vailon n/a
- Vincent n/a
- Violet n/a
- Zach n/a
- Zane n/a
- Zoeyak n/a
- Brayden W

Belfast Central School

- Brianna Morton
- Carter Stout
- Jason Amidon
- Malory DeRock
- Anna Drozdowski
- Connor Hull
- Christian Lopez
- Isabelle Male
- Kelsi Morton
- Harley Proctor
- Canaan Sullivan

Dalton-Nunda Central School (Keshequa)

- Jillian Mitchell

Dunkirk School #4

- Emelia Casey
- Julius Casey
- Dante Donato

- Alex Jackson
- Alex (corrected name/copy) Jackson
- Donald Jackson
- Jayden Johnson
- Tamia Johnson
- Christian Lemanski
- William Levandoski
- Delilah Rodriguez
- Olivia Thompson
- Stacey Tirado
- Erick Vega
- Erick Vega

Falconer Central School

- Devin Austin

Franklinville Elementary

- Cayden Hatch
- Jackson Hatch

Friendship Central School Extended School Day Program

- Macy Baret
- Deacon Brown
- Destini Damerst
- Haliee Gadley
- Skylar Gadley
- Fox Proper
- Lillian Rehler

Panama Central School

- Kaydn Abers
- Elizabeth Anderson
- Caroline Apthorpe
- Sam Arrington
- Dale Badgley
- Josephine Bailey
- Brody Bimber
- Brayden Booth
- Carter Brink
- Mandy Brink
- Ronnin Burham
- Angelise Campbell

- Tate Catanese
- Deidre Cavness
- Kirsten Chase
- Conner Cooper
- Emma Cooper
- Lilly Devine
- Kendall Drake
- Ava Ecker
- Mathew Ecker
- Logan Ellsworth
- Nora Engstrom
- Sharayah Fuller
- Lauren Gibbs
- Orion Glover
- Thomas Golden
- Xander Gould
- Andrew Graham
- Mackenzie Green
- Kayla Griffin
- Braden Hagberg
- Grace Hall
- Haven Hallowell

- Azzaria Hardin
- Ian Heath
- Kaleb Hide
- Kaitlyn Horton
- Corinne Hovey
- Natalie Hoyt
- Izzy Hurlburt
- Cole Johnson
- Hialeah Johnson
- Timmy Johnson
- Zoe Kester
- Beth Lindsey
- Emma Lindsey
- Lucas Liscandro
- Cass Lyon
- Emily Lyon
- Richie Lyon
- Anias Manceau
- Kasey Markham
- Morgan McLaughlin
- Evelyn Montagna
- Kylie Morgan

- Andrew Nelson
- Taite Newman
- Ariana Oaks
- Haley Odell
- Lilly Odell
- Aurick Pattison
- Jackson Pearson
- Brayson Peck
- Rebekah Peterson
- Kaleb Pitts
- Bredon Ramsey
- Kylie Range
- Peyton Range
- Aysia Reed
- Christan Renshaw
- Blayne Rumaihi
- Peyton Ryan
- Hannah Schauman
- Donovan Schnars
- Andy Sheldon
- Ison Shirley
- Noah Smith

- Andrew Spiesman
- Lizabeth Stanton
- Sarah Swanson
- Joshua Walczyk
- Astyn Warner

Southern Tier Catholic School

- Kasia Ambuski
- Abby Bailey
- Cecelia Carls
- Ella Crane
- Maria DeGiglio
- Caroline DeRose
- Dominic Esposito
- Corie Farwell
- Max Garvin
- Christopher Karns
- Kiran Khettry
- Xavier Laverty
- Alenzi Meyer
- Aodhan O'Se

- Luke Petruzzi
- Keely Policastro
- Noella Policastro
- Aiden Privitera
- Catherine Pryzbyla
- Ruth Scordo
- Gevevieve Smith
- Zane Smith
- Everett Swenson
- Elizabeth Watson
- Julia Yohe

Southwestern Elementary

- Mackenzie Anderson
- Addison Brassard
- Addison Brassard
- Maecyn Brown
- Maecyn Brown
- Matt Butterfield
- Lauren Cotter
- Lauren Cotter

- Cooper Degnan
- Trey Faulk
- Trey Faulk
- Fion Hagel
- Brady Leach
- Brady Leach
- Matt Lefler
- Peyton Lillie
- Peyton Lillie
- Brooke Long
- Brooke Long
- Aaliyah Perkins
- Andrew Piazza
- Isyss Smith
- Isyss Smith
- Abby Strother
- Abby Strother
- Keana Szczerbacki
- Keana Szczerbacki
- Rose Tran
- Max Tyger
- Nick Verga

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Washington Middle School

- Austin Aldrich
- Karlie Allen
- Skylar Beane
- Skylar Beane
- Christopher Beardsley
- Ashley Bennett
- Drew Boggs
- Angel Combs
- Amber Coy
- Jon Michael DeAngelo
- Asha DeHarder
- Kylene Faulkner
- Ashantay Garcia
- Izzy Knapp
- Natasha Lockett
- Yalitza Melo
- Grace Osborne
- Lexi Pollino

- Matt Roehmholdt
- Isaah Rojas
- Sarah Russo
- Emily Spitz
- Daniel Stenstrom
- Kara Triscari

Wellsville Central School District

- Jacqueline VanCassele

Portville Central School

- Kaitlyn Buckvich
- Breanna DeYoe
- Kylie Blessing
- Allie DeFazio
- Arianna North
- Caydence Zalwsky
- Shailynn Larkin
- Baylee Denning

- Kyle Mathes
- Olivia Ganoung
- Mallory Reynolds
- Nick Baker
- Shawna Wilcox
- Blank

Pioneer Central Middle School

- Collin Addesa
- Devin Arnold
- Adam Ashworth
- Layla Boyer
- Olivia Buncy
- Gabrielle Cornell
- Paige Cummings
- Brennan Hediger
- Bradley Jones
- Ellie Kless
- Kasey Kraft
- Shayla Murphy

- Faith Ruppert
- Shaun Sanders
- Quinn Schwab
- Kelsea Tingle
- Cameron Vazquez
- Jake Wiseman

- Kristen Calteaux
- Erika Conhiser
- Jud Ellis
- Aaron Fisher
- Evan Frazier
- Alanna Gasper
- Colin Hughes
- Mindy Isaman
- Krysta Jedrzek
- MacGregor Laird
- Savannah Lingle
- Nathan Lyons
- Braydon Miller
- Heidi Schalberg
- Kaleb Smith

- Malaki Tatko
- Haley Tilly
- Victoria Trevett