



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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THANKSGIVING ESSAYS AND CONTRIBUTIONS SD 7

JACK M. MARTINS November 24, 2015



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 Jack M. Martins

Carrie Palmer Weber Middle School

- [Hannah Brooks](#)

Center Street Herricks

- Brian Keating
- Brianna Mathews
- Krish Nair

Covert Avenue

- Mackenzie Clarke

Dutch Broadway School

- Chase Ridley

Fork Lane

- Joseph Casas
- Michael Dawson
- Jillian Fields

- Dylan Fusco
- Sasha Ger
- Katelyn Gilhuley
- Alena Hotaki
- Mayuri Kumar
- Vera Linarte
- Matthew Magee
- Aidan Masterson
- Dylan Membrano
- Shreya Murgai
- Michelle Paszek
- Gianna Piro
- Maya Salomon
- Jason Singh
- Brendan Smith
- Danna Taboada
- Sean Torlincasi
- Nathalie Vasconez
- Edward Zelaya-Hernandez

Fork Lane School

- James Berry
- Nikki Lam
- Liam Schantzler
- Melanie Unger

Guggenheim Elementary School

- Stamati Gargas
- Anna Hidalgo
- Samuel Kassin

Harbor Hill

- Ali A
- Donna A
- Jordyn A
- Kaitlyn A

- Landon A
- Phoebe A
- Rebecca A
- Rehan A
- Robby A
- Aaron B
- Alexis B
- Amanda B
- Ashley B
- Dillon B
- Eliza B
- Ethan B
- Hannah B
- Jack B
- Jack B
- Jhostin B
- Jordan B
- Josh B
- Kaylee B
- Maya B
- Mitchell B
- Samantha B

- Sasha B
- Sheilly B
- Smadar B
- Abbey C
- Danielle C
- Emily C
- Gabby C
- Isabella C
- Matthew C
- Max C
- Ryan C
- Sarah C
- Sofia C
- Tesla C
- Zuri C
- Anna D
- Bartek D
- Caroline D
- Catherine D
- Evan D
- Kayle D
- Paige D

- Phillip D
- Riley D
- Shaun D
- Ethan E
- Anna F
- Asher F
- Ben F
- Cooper F
- Dylan F
- Dylan F
- Jake F
- Jonathan F
- Justin F
- Marius F
- Oliver F
- Sarah F
- Savanna F
- Aaron G
- Alex G
- Alix G
- Chloe G
- Ethan G

- Hailey G
- Jake G
- Jesse G
- Joey G
- Mahin G
- Maksim G
- Matthew G
- Misha G
- Olivia G
- Riley G
- Sophie G
- Tomer G
- Drew H
- Lola H
- Skye H
- Sydney H
- Eli J
- Ethan J
- Layla J
- Serin J
- Alex K
- Alexandra K

- Alina K
- Allena K
- Bella K
- Christina K
- Christopher K
- Claire K
- Emma K
- Jacqueline K
- Jake K
- Josh K
- Matthew K
- Maya K
- Quin K
- Sarah K
- Uma K
- Zain K
- Cameron L
- Christina L
- Danny L
- Dylan L
- Eliza L
- Frank L

- Joel L
- Maddie L
- Max L
- Rebecca L
- Sofia L
- Vincent L
- Abraham N
- Alex M
- Andrew M
- Corey M
- Eden M
- Ella M
- Giada M
- Isabella M
- Jacob M
- Jordan M
- Josh M
- Justin M
- Kate M
- Leigh M
- Matthew M
- Remi M

- Sammy M
- Sienna M
- Zachary M
- Alex N
- Danielle N
- Jolie N
- Justin N
- Abbey C
- Summer R
- Isla O
- Sara O
- Tyler O
- Geo P
- Immanuela P
- Kate P
- Lexi P
- Lucas P
- Matias P
- Mikayla P
- Yeonjin P
- Zach P
- Jason Q

- Melanie Q
- Niko Q
- Alexander R
- Ava R
- Bella R
- Juelz R
- Lily R
- Luke R
- Meeka R
- Nathaniel R
- Spencer R
- Aaron S
- Addison S
- Aldin S
- Ashley S
- Cole S
- Connor S
- Corey S
- Devin S
- Drew S
- Dylan S
- Ellie S

- Eoanna S
- Haley S
- Isabella S
- Jacob S
- Jake S
- Jordan S
- Joseph S
- Liav S
- Mara S
- Marielle S
- Mia S
- Mia S
- Nicholas S
- Petrit S
- Robert S
- Samantha S
- Sidney S
- Sidney S
- Sienna S
- Skylar S
- Sophie S
- Stamati S

- Suada S
- Sydney S
- Victoria S
- Sydney SH
- Amena D
- Amanda T
- Anika T
- Brian T
- Vasili T
- Ava W
- Benji W
- Ethan W
- Jordan W
- Justin W
- Laila W
- Lucy W
- Matthew W
- Samantha W
- Sloane W
- Sophie W
- Ariela Y
- Daniella Y

- Ethan Y
- Kaitlyn Y
- Kayla Y
- Zachary Y
- Emma Z
- Gavin Z
- Harris Z
- Jessica Z
- Micah Z
- Sarah Z
- Blake A
- Alana B
- Alex B
- Brett B
- Emma B
- Grace B
- Molly B
- Morgan B
- Annabelle C
- Ruby C
- Abby F
- Ethan F

- Alexis F.
- Nina G
- Orla G
- Esther H
- Avery K
- Grayden K
- Isaiah K
- Nicholas K
- Amanda L
- Grace L
- Avery M
- Hillary M
- Jake M
- Mia M
- Olivia M
- Ragini M
- Aaron F
- Rafaella P
- Abigail R
- Gavin R
- Ryder R
- Arielle S

- Brendon S
- Gabe S
- Gilbert S
- Arielle S.
- Priya W
- Andy W.
- Emilee Y

Hillside Grade School

- "Brayden, Martina, Mason, Alexa, Umberto, Isabella, Skye, Mihir, Kenneth, Jake, Alisha, Alisson, Giovanni, Yuvraj, Helsa, Bella, Brian" N/A
- The Kinderkids of Ms. Sawicki's Class

John Street

- Alexa F
- Alexa F
- Alexa Jaloza

- Cassandra O'connell
- Isabelle T
- Dino Kalogiros
- Allison Neville
- Regan Nolan
- Rory Nolan
- Mandy Petty
- Azeem Siddiqui
- Jake Vitale
- Adam Woldan

Mineola Middle School

- Andres Baca
- Giovan Bertuccio
- Victoria Borges-Hermsdorf
- Marvin Canales
- Chiara Catalano
- MaryAnn Kontonicolas
- Kayla Lima

- Adrianna Nathan
- Jillian Parrino
- Melanie Rivera
- Ella Vernon

New Hyde Park Road School

- Alexander Dones
- Sakin Ahmed
- Thomas Barnikel
- Rachel Cantave
- Reese Chaplin
- Emily Ganz
- Ankita Ghosh
- Mahnoor Haroon
- Jonathan Hernandez
- Jessica Jaimon
- Isaac Johnson
- Michael Joseph
- Reshma Lukose

- Desmari Miller
- Alexa Rago
- Kayla Rodriguez
- Berlyn Stanley
- Michael Zhang

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School

- Sophia Ieraci
- Katherine Apostol
- Aerin Bernardo
- aerin bernardo
- Brendan Carroll
- anthony caturano
- Aoife Cormican
- Lauren Dodson
- Aengus Fitzpatrick
- Steve Grgas
- madeline krug
- Patrick Logan

- Finbar McClintock
- DARA McGovern
- daniel mcnavich
- Christa Nass
- Owen O'Donnell
- Brendan Reed
- Angelina Troia
- Angelina Troia

Polk Street School

- Emily Jurasits
- Nicholas Piretto
- Gino Agostino
- Lauren Ammendolea
- anthony Arrigali
- Alexa Babiak
- Gianna Burke
- Ava D'Arduini
- William Korszloski

- Emily Lavin
- Sofia Legovich
- Tyler Mazzella
- Gabriella McCartney
- Joseph Moryl
- Alyssa Nittoli
- Tania Papanagnostou
- Vincent Roman
- Michaella Tzakas

Rushmore

- Dennis Baboomian
- Samantha Beecher
- Marco Delgrosso
- Alexandra Feit
- Brianna Guercia
- Glenn Marin
- Antonia Venot
- Shannon Wagner
- Hana Zhang
- Isabella Abbatiello

- Jared Alequin
- Philip Alfieri
- Joseph Armstrong
- Jimmy Butler
- Lucas Monasterio
- Dakota DeRidder
- Jennifer Zhao
- Katy Barilla
- Katy Barilla
- Katy Barilla
- Harleigh Anne Buck
- Jillian DeMayo
- Devin Eichel
- Devin Eichel
- Julia Ferreira
- Liam Going
- Katerina Liveris
- Katerina Liveris
- Ava Lopes
- Abigail Lyons
- Collin McCarthy
- Francesca Mistretta

- Ronan O'Driscoll
- Ava Pascarella
- Ava Pascarella
- Emily Ribarich
- Lucas Santos
- Lucas Santos
- Antonio Urrutia
- Giovanna Ventimiglia
- Gregory Winter
- Kara Yim

Shelter Rock School

- Harry C
- Ho Yueh C
- Jack C
- Giada D
- Christian G
- Sam K
- Keira M

- Belen na
- Catherine na
- Charlie na
- Elena na
- Giada na
- Giana S na
- Jonah na

St. Mary's Elementary School Manhasset

- Christian Alacqua
- Alessandra Barlas
- Andrew Bisch
- August Buerger
- Grace Buerger
- John Buerger
- Megan Byrne
- Maggie Ives
- Deven Lamb
- Jane Miller

- James Parmashwar-Smith
- Josh Song

Stewart Manor School

- Kaitlyn Albrektsen

Weber Middle School

- Sarah Alvarado
- Jacqueline Atchley
- Drew Basulto
- Michael Bischoff
- Adam Callender
- Chloe Carvajal
- Eleanor Cjromy
- Madelyn Craig
- Emanuel Dritsas
- Bethany Ekezie
- William Fabrikant

- Megan Flynn
- Alex Folie
- Dylan Forman
- Marcus Freeth
- Mikayla Gargani
- Gabrielle Gitman
- Michelle Gordon
- Alexandra Grundfast
- Alexandra Grundfast
- Andy Gulb
- Madison Harmon
- Matthew Hatam
- Griffin Jacobs
- Olivia Kass
- Shannon Kawiecki
- Anisa Kelly
- Meiling Laurence
- Ali Marks
- Bella Marks
- Martine McGowan
- Maxwell Meehan
- Nicole Meehan
- Sari Morales

- Karen Moreno
- Shoshanna na
- Andrew Nam
- Luke Nolfé
- Robert Novak
- Carrie Palmer
- Alex Parker
- Natalie Parker
- Matthew Pierre-Louis
- Lela Pines
- Olivia Platt
- Christian Rafferty
- Gilly Rivera
- Ben Schiff
- Ellie Shaprio
- Kesley Valladares
- Joanna Weber
- Amelie Weinstein
- Gabriella Zahner
- Anthony Zekeya