



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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THANKSGIVING ESSAYS AND CONTRIBUTIONS SD 9

DEAN G. SKELOS 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 Dean G. Skelos

Alden Terrace

- Lauren Rossianno

Dutch Broadway

- Ashley Fulton
- Osayamen Imasogie
- Staney Jacob
- Nathaneal Peterkin
- Jaila Torres

Gotham Avenue School

- Israel Alonge
- Andres Calderon

- Carly Dorcely
- Mandy Foster
- Mya Gordon
- Jaren Hibbert
- Celine Motieram
- Sebastian Quiroz
- Olivia Rose

Grace Christian Academy

- Julia Lindo

Hewlett Elementary School

- Theodore Chan
- Rachel Chen
- Emily Erdos
- Charlotte Goldstein

- Mia Layne
- Chloe Mosheshvilla
- Kaitlyn Norman
- Jessica Ustayev

John Street

- Cassandra Curcio
- Emily McKenna

JOHN STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Brianna Suarezoubina

John Street School

- Emily Ieraci

- Jacob Joseph
- Ardit Pasholli
- Brianna Suarez Oubina
- Lily Ventimiglia

Lawrence Middle School

- Asmita Jaiswal

Ogden Elementary School

- Stella Fratti

OLL

- Maria Monfoletto

Polk Street School

- Annabella Elbaz

PS 176Q

- Brianna Charles

Roosevelt Children's Academy

- Saniya Harvey
- Mark McDaniel
- Aalina Muhammad Ali

St. Mary's Elementary School Manhasset

- Athena Gonzalez
- Hunter Thurmond

Waverly Park

- Michael Pavano
- Ryan Shapiro
- Jackie Sylvia
- Alessio Vincaslao

Waverly Park Elementary

- Ethan Bloomberg
- Laurie Bohn
- Aidan Clarke
- Madden Hausknecht
- Sammy Lehman
- Ivana Odiah
- Daniel Votano

Waverly Park School

- Dylan Baltes
- Cristian Calderon
- Lola Sokolskiy

Wavily Park Elementary School

- Daniel Horowitz

West Hempstead High School

- Liana Butt

Woodmere Middle School

- Sasha Mayer

- Abby Sreter