



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**

- Saniiya 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