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[JAMES L. SEWARD](#) November 24, 2015

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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 James L. Seward

Alton B. Parker Elementary

- [Emma Hope Marks](#)

Andes Central School

- Christina Chakar
- Shane Edwards
- Halie Gardner
- Ava McIntosh
- Charley McIntosh
- Gavin Nichols
- Dusty Richards-Consigney
- Christianne Richter
- Arthur Shelightner
- Jade Stratton
- Jasmine Weaver
- Benjamin A
- Emily A
- Rylee B
- Katie E
- Lila G
- Michael G
- Stephanie G
- Abel M
- Wionna M
- Destiny W

Barry Elementary School

- Maia Quick

Cincinnati Central School

- Dylan Darling
- Alessia Davis
- Collin Holtmart
- Kaedance Latta
- Harmony Loomis
- Donnelldo Madrid
- Gracie Rooker
- Kaylee Ross
- Caylene Russell
- John Schuyler
- Breyden Silva
- Jack Stafford
- Maddison Streichert

- Emmily Thomas
- Mandi Waltz

F. E. Smith Elementary School

- Alexis Bobik
- Olivia Johnson
- Bridget Madden
- Kannon Sherman
- Julyan Thalheimer
- Lily Tobin

Frankfort-Schuyler Middle School

- Olyvia Manella
- Aaliyah Pennicooke
- Kristina Smith

FS Barry Elementary

- Robbie Atkins
- Kristah Barber
- Brianna Bergene
- Brianne Bergene
- Colin Carroll
- Colin Carroll
- Alex Cooley
- Chase Crossett
- Caleb Cullip
- Cody Dennis
- Matt DeRado
- Kadin Dukes
- Nathan Glennie
- Dakota Hartwick
- Bryan Honan
- Candace Kastenhuber
- Tara Knickerbocker
- Sydney Markoff
- Arianna Rumpff
- Christina Stanton

- Ella Starinsky
- Gabriella State
- Faith Stickle
- Avala Stone
- Connor Tasselmyer
- Jeffery Thomas
- Shayla Thomas
- Eli VanDee
- Alizabeth West
- DaeSean West
- Sarah Williams
- Leigha Yunghans

Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton Central School

- Madeline Astalos
- Brackon Banks
- Gabriella Barnes
- Jeffrey Barnes
- Mackenzie Barnes

- Tammy Barnes
- Nathan Barrows
- Payton Behnke
- Evan Benham
- Landon Benham
- Michael Benham
- Ethan Bertrand
- Nicholas Bertrand
- Hannah Bonczkowski
- Isabelle Breslau
- Thomas Breslau
- Mariah Campbell
- Kadence Canfield
- Renzo Castucci
- Leelah Charles
- Kiley Chase
- Samantha Chase
- Mackenzie Cherry
- Anika Christensen
- Tait Christensen
- Ariana Cornell
- Angelina Correll

- Avriel Correll
- Leah Cotten
- Quinn Covington
- Daisy Crisell
- Abigail Davis
- Alexis Davis
- Carly Davis
- Kailah Davis
- Ryan Davis
- Devin DeGroat
- Autumn Demarais
- Corbin Demmon
- Kyra Demmon
- Alice Dibble
- Lane Dibble
- Sean Downey
- Serenity Downey
- Carrie Doyle
- Ioannis Drapaniotis
- Kendra Dunham
- Kiernan Dunham
- Delaney Dunnigan

- Connor Eberly
- Maya Eberly
- Maya Farwell
- Brennan Finch
- Kaitlyn Finch
- Barbara Fletcher
- Olivia Fletcher
- Taylor French
- Alexia Furgison
- Marissa Furgison
- Tyler Furgison
- Taylor Gager
- Connor Gross
- Jordan Gross
- Mya Gross
- Natalie Gross
- Matthew Grow
- Cyrus Hall
- Kendra Hammond
- Devon Hartwell
- Dawson Heath
- Fiona Held

- Denise Hodge
- Dystne Hodge
- Alexis Johnson
- Ethan Joslyn
- Brandon Kendall
- Kyle Keuhn
- Morgan Keuhn
- Chance Kilmer
- Jaden Kuhn
- Allison Lefkowitz
- Connor Lenhardt
- Madison Lewis
- Jade Lindroth
- Robert Lindroth
- Skylar Lindroth
- Madison Lockwood
- Rylee Lum
- Emma Lund
- Kross Lund
- Bree MacNeill
- Kyle MacNeill
- Estella Maiurano

- Gabe Maiurano
- Mia Mantellassi
- Dante Manwarren
- Matthew Manwarren
- Ashlynn Marron
- Mackenzi Marron
- Alaina Maxson
- Isaac Maxson
- Ryan McCall
- Rylan McNamara
- Paige Nicoles
- Raymond Nober
- Kira Nolan
- Rece Nolan
- Peyton Norton
- Kylee O'Connell
- Kaden O'Hara
- Trenton Odell
- Kylianna Oliver
- Corbin Page
- Zachery Page
- Madeline Pain

- Noah Pain
- Zayde Palmatier
- Aubree Palmer
- Sophia Parslow
- Skylar Parsons
- Emma Peck
- Kenyon Pickens
- Alivia Plows
- Bianca Plows
- Rene Posner
- Mason Prentice
- Dalton Proskine
- Lauren Radwan
- Dannaka Rasmussen
- Natalie Raymond
- Waylon Raymond
- Alivia Retz
- Latham Retz
- Blake SanSoucie
- Cameron Schultis
- Evin See
- Carter Simonds

- Chase Simonds
- Paige Smith
- Alyssa Sorochinsky
- Juston Spathelf
- Ivy Stensland
- Ella Stockdale
- Koda Stockdale
- Andrew Stone
- Payton Talbot
- Roman Taranto
- Cameron Teale
- Ella Thatford
- Daniel Tompkins
- Gavin Underwood
- Trista Vaccaro
- William Vaccaro
- Alivia Vitek
- Rashaun Wilber
- Kali Wilcox
- Cinnamon Williams
- Kaylin Williams
- Morgan Williams

- Nathan Williams
- Brian Wilson
- Skye Wilson
- Navaeh Wright
- Adam Yasser
- Alivia Zbydniewski

Jefferson Central School

- Nickolas Aldrich
- Linsey Bellinger
- Ava Bevilacqua
- Michelle Decker
- Jadya Grubaugh
- Noah Hatcher
- Emma Hendrickson
- Emilee Hulbert
- Damian Keegan
- Danielle Lupinetti
- Carl Marsh

- Kyra McKissick
- Dakota Medico
- Ella Stevens
- Charlie Talbot
- Kenny Tompkins

Laurens Central School

- Kyrrah Andrades
- Heather Boyce
- Trinity Brockway
- Colin Capraro
- Nathaniel Clapper
- Ethan Eckler
- Cayden Emerson-Jones
- Charles Goetzmann
- Wyatt Heller
- Mackenzie Loudon
- Brooke Mann
- Kylie Mattice

- Jade & Harley Moxley & Louden
- Michael Saggese
- Priscilla Scala
- Nicole Stanley
- Alyssa Stevens
- Hannah Weiss
- Jasmine Young

Little Falls Middle School

- Natalie Fredricks
- Adam Lamphere
- Marcella Venettozzi
- Charlotte Grace

Millard Fillmore Elementary

- Angelina Bogart
- Gabriel Shreffler

Montgomery C. Smith Intermediate School

- Carly Tkacy

Owen D. Young

- Cameron Burgher
- Camryn Marshall

Richfield Springs Central School

- Cameron Mercer
- Carson Seamon
- Stephen Snyder

Sharon springs central school

- Thomas Islip
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- Thomas Islip
- Megan Mahoney
- Rachel Rorick
- Rachel Rorick

Sherburne-Earlville Middle School

- Madison Camenga
- Garrett Fleming
- Lily Thornington
- Tatum Costantini
- Emma Law
- Megan Lewis

- Avery Parsons

St. Francis de Sales Regional Catholic School

- Autumn Czerniak
- Dominick Geloso
- Brayton Langdon
- Emily Lyga
- Emily Lyga
- Gulianna Naegele
- Matthew Prestopnik
- Hannah Sanchez