



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## THANKSGIVING ESSAYS AND CONTRIBUTIONS SD 23

DIANE J. SAVINO 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 Diane J. Savino

## **Academy of St. Dorothy**

- [Taylor Grube](#)

## **College of Staten Island High School for International Studies**

- Cheyenne Watson
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## **Curtis High School**

- Zaria Mohamed

## **Gateway Academy**

- Melchizedek Prince-Charles
- Anjoli Sanchez

## **IS 281**

- Emily Chow
- Andrew Dumas

## **IS 34**

- Raphael Renderos

## **IS281k**

- Andri Meta
- Andri Meta
- Irena Meta

## **John W. Lavelle Preparatory Charter School**

- Christopher Bracey
- Ayanna Forgenie
- Makenna Reed
- Destiny Richard

## **Joseph B. Cavallaro I.S 281**

- Atika Anan
- Atika Anan
- Elijah Elvin
- Maryam Hussein Mansour
- Josephine Lau
- Andy Lin
- Jericho Maniago
- Edmund Ng
- Ethan Quiroz
- Gissell Reyes
- Ruhan Syed
- Dylan Tran
- Isabella Zheng
- Danny Zhou

**Lavelle Preparatory Charter School**

- Casey Bllaca
- Santiago Esamilla
- Santiago Escamilla
- Olivia Henriquez
- Johnathan Mendoza
- Erik Parker
- Prisca-Lily Preston

## **P.S. 200**

- Paulina Faizulin
- Daniel Goldenberg
- Daniel Goldenberg
- Judy Hasan-Hafez
- Kate Khazanova
- Katherina Kolkymova
- Denis Meylikhov
- Elya Meylikhov
- Daniel Rubnshteyn

## **PS 54 Charles W. Leng**

- Amal Qadri
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## **St. Joseph Hill Academy**

- Thea Akhrass
- Luca Bagliore
- Elizabeth Bentsianov
- Caitlyn Cianci
- Evelyn Hafizov
- Enrique Hernandez

## **St. Teresa**

- [Xavier Barrow](#)
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## **St. Teresa School**

- [Samantha Creighton](#)

## **Staten Island School Civic Leadership**

- [Aaliyah Mohamed](#)

## **The Bay Academy for the Arts & Sciences**

- [Lauren Bazay](#)
- [Janat Kalmakova](#)
- [Steohanie Katsnelson](#)
- [Maksym Tymofiy](#)



- Vicki Wu

## **Washingtonville Middle School**

- Emma Rudziski