



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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THANKSGIVING ESSAYS AND CONTRIBUTIONS SD 1

KENNETH P. LAVALLE November 24, 2016



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 Kenneth P. LaValle

Chenango Forks Middle School

- Angelique Talbot

Coram Elementary

- Koray Aygun
- Gavin Charbonnier
- Miley Martinez
- Aidan Roberts
- ALIYA SAMSUNDAR

Eagle Elementary

- Marilyn Cruz
- Hannah Feely
- John Gomez-Bonilla
- Nevaeha Gonzalez
- Annmarie Hopwood
- Ella McCann
- Brianna Palladino
- Rhianna Sanchez
- Alexia Stevens

Hampton Bays Elementary School

- Kade Arkinson

Hampton Bays School District

- Briana Avendano
- Valerie Bennett
- Giselle Bonilla
- Lloyd Booth
- Machaela Boucher

- Edie Cabrera
- Linda Calyecac
- Leonardo Diaz
- Olivia Downs
- Shea Egan
- David Fernandez
- Avery Gerson
- Piper Godsey
- Sarah Herrera
- Cristian Kearns
- Adriana Navarro Gjinaj
- Julianne Palmieri
- Kayla Punay
- Aitana Quintero
- Kendra Reeves
- Julissa Ruvio
- Louie Stellato

Ivy

- Ivy Raynor

Montauk Public School

- Hanna Del Percio
- Elian Duran
- Sashil Fernandez
- Jasmine Mejia-Coronel
- Jhey Sayay
- Jhey Sayay
- Priscilla Villarreal

Our Lady of the Hamptons Regional Catholic School

- Isabel Brady
- Gabby Fenelon
- Amanda Guzman
- Lucas Nielsen
- Grace Sicuronza
- Amelia Tozzi

Port Jefferson Middle School

- Jasmine Adams
- Kayla Daily
- Emily Hearney
- Heather Quiggle

- Blake Roberts
- Abigail Rolfe
- Michael Scannell
- Kyle Yannucci

Remsenburg Speonk Elementary School

- Dresden Dunn
- Julia Greiner
- Reilly Mahon
- Jared Rivera
- Laurette Schaumloffel
- Laurette Schaumloffel
- Samantha Schaumloffel
- Christine Simone
- Arthur Smyth

Terryville Road School

- Elliot Jaklitsch

West Middle Island Elementary School

- Jacob Berkley

- Juliana Cassino
- Alice Huang
- Jillian Kennedy
- Ava Makowski
- Madison Santiago
- Anna Sorli
- Nathan Tarpeh
- Gianna Ward
- Laila Wilson
- Charlize Wolf