



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## THANKSGIVING ESSAYS AND CONTRIBUTIONS SD 9

TODD KAMINSKY November 22, 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 Todd Kaminsky

## **Waverly Park Elementary**

- Lauren Comegna
- Frank Marino
- Jake Frankel
- Jason Beard
- Morgan Wit
- Zoey Garver
- Orji Agwu
- Giovanna Tarulli
- Jadwin Dumel
- Madison Hoffman
- Niko Bohn

- Rayna Barnhill
- Sophie Giddings
- Skylar Wolkoff

## **320 Fletcher ave**

- Ingel Jones

## **Dutch Broadway**

- Raz Asabor
- Kaitlyn Bryant
- Jaelyn Huezo
- Samantha Johnson
- Jordan Montanez
- Zinaya Murray
- Branco Ordaz Garza
- Jacob Reid
- vince saintval
- Gerald Sealy
- Taylor Watt

- case williams
- Chase Williams
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- Jaida Williams
- Josiah Wilson
- Emma Zidor
- Noah Aifuobhokhan
- Ehsaan Aman
- Dakota Arthur
- Raz Asbor
- Noah Bernardin
- Nathan Boutin
- Liana Bruce
- Dolson Dacius
- Peyton Dunbar
- Madison Edwards
- Delight Ekeh
- Skylar Harris
- Samantha Johnson
- Zion Moody
- Vicente Pena

- Riley Samuels
- Gerald Sealy II
- Emily Thomas
- Jaida Williams
- Jahnai Bozeman
- Madison-Lee Brown
- Boubacar Cisse
- Angelina Ford
- Ronald Gaillard
- Jaelynn Huezo
- Isabella Jaimungal
- Faha Khan
- Kali Robers
- Vince Saintval
- Sapphire Santiago
- Jvion Shaw
- Kodi Sims
- Izabella Rose Smith
- Olaoluwa Somosu
- Brandon Swaby
- Sinai Torres
- El'sha Vanager

- Chase Williams
- Kaitlyn Bryant
- Ryan Dookie
- Stefan Ferdinand
- Violet Skye Fisher
- Denym Furline
- Naomi Goulbourne
- Jyden Hobbins
- xavier Lanier
- Shamaulla Lewis
- Jordan Montanez
- Zinaya Murray
- Relena Nelson
- Jacob Reid
- Lance Swift
- El'ljah Vanager
- Elias Viruent
- Taylor Watt
- Chad Wilmott
- Emma Zidor
- Fatima Ali
- Safa Amer

- Ethan Michael Avellaneda
- Katherine Cherian
- Raine Denis
- Cayla Ennis
- sophia Fernandez
- Reina Jean
- Javier Lubo Martinez
- Ashton Lucero
- Jeremiah Meza
- Branco Ordaz-Garza
- Mechenzie Piton
- Danna Ruiz
- Jay Sehgal
- Dnica St Fleur
- Bryce Sylvain
- Andrew Vangine
- Josiah Wilson

## **Lawrence Middle School**

- [Asmita Jaiswal](#)

## **Long Beach Middle School**

- Laura Ferrante

## **Memorial JH**

- Gianna Madonia-brea
- Jaden Narvaez
- Jade Ortiz

## **Memorial Junior High**

- Sofia Marshall

## **Memorial Junior High School**

- david driscoll
- Nataliyah Arencibia
- Gileric Armand
- Shanice Bell
- Milan Bennett
- Denorah Bonostro
- Kaitlyn Bradley
- Joseph Bravata
- Alexia Campbell



- Jeralyn Castro
- samantha cisneros
- Claudia Cummings
- Ethan Cyriaque
- Kristian Davis
- Mya Diaz
- Mya Diaz
- Mya Diaz
- Mya Diaz
- Mya Diaz
- maria faruqui
- Kimbrea Ferguson
- Munsoor Gulzar
- Munsoor Gulzar
- Munsoor Gulzar
- Maria Karamatzakis
- maria karamatzakis
- Tylyn LeSane
- Angelina Lyras
- Ann-Lyz Mathieu
- Abbigail Mathurin
- Kayla Melgar

- Chriss Mercedes
- Malik Moore
- Reyaan Oza
- Chelsea Paillere
- Anjali Ramsarup
- Aileen Rivera
- Jasiah Rodway
- Steven Seltzer
- Madison Sessing
- Maya Smith
- Atyna Wasim
- Samarki Williams
- Bryan Yascaribay

## **MJHS**

- hamza choudhry
- hamza choudhry
- Ashley Joseph
- Jordan Lozano
- Ifeoluwa Womiloju

## **Shaw Avenue**

- Maheva Bastien
- Dhanesh Benny
- Briana Cole
- Carmelle Dela Serna
- Laila Dhaiti
- Makayla Dillon
- Ariana Pena

## **Shaw Avenue Elementary School**

- Jamal Alston
- Shayan Baloch
- Sadia Patwary
- Nia Staley

## **South High School**

- Hameed Abdul
- Sreeya Bobby
- Marshlee Eugene
- Abigail Hartig
- Abigail Hartig
- Cornelius John

- Joanne Rajan
- Kaitlyn Ross
- Kaitlyn Ross
- Miriam Yeni

## **St. Thomas the Apostle**

- Samantha Agoursalidis
- Kelly Cano-Reyes
- Taylor Coker
- James Daly
- James Daly
- Aaliyah Flowers
- Katherine Galeano
- Sophia Hill
- Caleigh Hopkins
- Hilda Jean-Pierre
- Ava Lang
- Ella Lapham
- Lindsay McShea
- Nicholas Paul
- Natalie Sheridan

- Aliya St. Louis
- Michaela Staudinger
- Heaven Travers
- Zaina Vallon

## **Valley Stream Central High School District**

- Victoria Melo

## **Valley Stream Memorial Junior High School**

- Ryan Campbell
- tarilyn debrosse
- Aaliyah Hope
- Kymberley Smith
- Sarem Suhail

## **Valley Stream South High School**

- Maya Alschuler-Pierce
- mark campbell
- Abigail Candelo
- Abigail Candelo

- Katherine Chong
- julia cole
- julia cole
- Joseph Correa
- Luke Costanzo
- Christopher Dennison
- Yanelia Fernandez
- Brianna Jara
- Shannuel Lamptey
- Sophia Longid
- Samantha Lopez
- kristin luyun
- Zoe Minor
- Erin Quinlan
- Hailey Roberts
- Alex Rosales
- Adrian Sierzega
- Samantha Sung
- Victoria Vermilye
- Sofia Volk
- Sophia Yan

# VSSJSHS

- Isabelle Badolato

## West End Elementary School

- Grace Loiselle
- Olivia Romanowski

## William L. Buck School

- Maureen Fitz Gerald
- Jayden Bisnott
- Ella Caton
- Ruhma Chaudhry
- Jolisse Claudio
- Adriel Coreas
- Ryan Esquivel
- Mauricio Gonzalez Vargas
- Alexa Kosinski
- Zachary Martinez
- Zaeem Masood
- Ethan Michel

- Makayla Middleton
- Jasmine Preau
- Daniel Quinlan
- Ava Rohr
- Victoria Rojas
- John Rosado
- Jesse Sherack
- Derek Stuminski
- Hajra Younas

## **William S. Covert School**

- Danielle Lu

## **WLB**

- Rocco Arcodia
- Gabriella Badolato
- Dua'A Baig
- Faith Barron
- Shaniah Canterbury
- Sebastian Chavez
- Robert deJesus



- Anthonia Edobar
- Jeanna Fernandez
- Chelsea Fraser
- Alyssa Gonzalez
- Nazneen Hassan
- Danyaal Masood
- Ryan Minaya
- Wilfredo Moran
- Michael Morcos
- Paul Podesta
- Jordan St. Fort
- Jack Tedesco
- Chelsea Thompson
- Boston Torres
- Anfal Younas

## **Woodmere Middle School**

- Amber Almonte
- Agam Avidor
- Leeya Azemoun

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- Jordan Billharz
- Natalie Booskila
- Juliet Davydov
- Kara Fusco
- Kara Fusco
- Kara Fusco
- Penelope Herman
- Tamar Honore
- Tamar Honore
- Anastasia Inghima
- Nathaniel Levy
- Melissa Melgar
- Jordanna Rovner
- Gilly Tamir
- Yair Peralta