



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## THANKSGIVING ESSAYS AND CONTRIBUTIONS SD 19

ROXANNE J. PERSAUD 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 Roxanne J. Persaud

## **Our Lady Of Trust**

- Jack Donato
- Shelsey Ekwueme
- Philip Provilus

## **PS 224K**

- Gretchen Finke Cassidy
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## **The Science and Medicine Middle School 366**

- Lailah Abrahams
- Nya Browne

- Ronella Cayenne
- Mahagony Chery
- Sekai Chin Aleong
- Shania Glover
- Jordan Grey
- Kimberly Hester
- Nyomi Hinds
- Destiny Hopkinson
- Tsei-Ann Humphrey
- Myriam Jean-Baptiste
- Jaden Jiggetts
- Diamond Kinlaw
- Val Voltaire Malazarte
- Jahkeer Matthews
- Vernetta Parkinson
- Jonathan Scantlebury
- Jahnae Simms
- Hanifa Souley
- Krystal Tomlinson
- Janaya Townsend
- Dwayne Waithe