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ANDREW J. LANZA 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 Anderw J. Lanza

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Academy of St. Dorothy

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- [Colin Chu](#)
- [Emily Encarnacion](#)
- [Leila Gjenashaj](#)

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- Sophia Gorbea
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- Robert Guidice
- Arianna Molic
- Thomas Morri
- Gaetano Nicchitta
- Farbah Nyagua
- Jason Quattrache
- Mia Romano
- Marc Theurer
- Sabrina Velovic
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- Aniela Campisi

Eltingville lutheran School

- Carl .
- Deigo .
- Charles Balducci
- Ms. Deborah Cortez
- Dlyan DelPriore

- Carlo DiGennero
- Colin Dubeau
- Elisabeth Hynes
- Philip Kuna
- Ben Lamicella
- Demetria Lamicella
- Steven Pagan
- Raquel Polizzi
- Roman Polizzi
- Veroniza Polowczyk
- Jessica Reedy
- Samantha Remi
- Ryan Salen
- Jason Salvione
- Rianna Sparandero
- Sean Sparandero
- Gabriel Zandler
- Ethan Zayats

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- Julianna Baratta

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- Andrew Bisso
- Gianna Crispi
- Ethan Katz
- Olivia Lemansky-Ekberg
- Julia Min
- Anthony Perrotta
- Gabriella Perrotta
- Salvatore Perrotta
- Mia Saia
- Sophia Turpin

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- Sophia Omokaro

Louis DeSario

- Carly Ajami
- Krisina Crivello
- Alexa D'Agosta
- Luke DeBellas
- Gianna Fuda

- Alyse Kelly
- Lia Levin
- Haley Marks
- Matthew Mavricos
- Elizabeth Neville
- Lillian Romhen
- Giulianna Saliceti
- Giovanni Scaglia
- Valentino Scaglia
- Daniel Sena
- Jiana Venditti
- Lola Wilton

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- Christine Hoffman

P.S. 38

- Rania Atmani
- Carienna Chen
- Sophie Cohen
- Isabellea Mortman

- Dolah Rowaid
- Michelle Zemshman
- Christine Zheng

P.S. 53

- anthony esposito
- Barbara Meinero
- Paul Giardina
- julian gueorguiev
- Gabriella Haws
- aidan kirk
- Madison Lind
- ashley lodispoto
- John Marcus Mantione
- michael prescott
- melina quiles
- Julaina Romeo
- Justin Rosa
- Mateo Visone

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- Joseph Ferrigno

PS 53 (31R053)

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PS 58

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PS 58 SS

- Samantha Adriano

PS 58 SS Columbia

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- NATALIA Chrapusta
- MATILDA Metallic
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- MASSIMO PALERMO
- MIKAYLA Reyes
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- Julia Sniadowski
- Maya Woloch

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- Kyle carter
- Kyle Carter
- Natalia Chrapusta
- Ethan Chung
- Victoria Corulla
- ANNABELLA DARBONE
- Justin FAZIO
- LUCAS Figueroa
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- ALexis GALKOVSKIY
- Justin HAGG
- Edwin Isidro
- Ava Kermee

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- MAYA Rafalo
- Jillian RICHARME
- MADISON ROBLES
- Giovanni Rodriguez
- JULLIETTE RODRIGUEZ
- JOSEPH ROZEIK
- David Rutenberg
- Anthony Saporito
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- Brendan Silver
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- RIVER SY
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- Julia Tumkaea
- VICTORIA VOLCOTRUB
- HAILEY WEBER
- JAYDON WIJESINGHE
- HAILLEY Williams
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- Eva Wu
- Aleksandra Zaystev
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- Isabella D'Agnese

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- Justin Holmes
- Magdiel Neri
- Anthony Visciano
- Habiba Yehia
- Mona Abdelaziz
- Thomas Abdinoor
- Jordan Adamo
- Gabby Ambelas
- Alissa Beltron
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- Pavly Benjamin
- Keira Bertan
- Gina Biscotti
- Del Michael Bobish
- Sean Brower
- Isabella Burmaster
- Samantha Calandrella
- Victoria Carroll
- Tyler D' Avino
- Edward DePaola
- Jadd Dolah

- Julia Duffy
- Joseph Falvey
- Julia Falvey
- David Fanshteyn
- Brianna Fernandez
- Roman Fili
- Gabriella Gabriella Winkworth
- Nicholas Gvomowski
- Victoria Kadar
- Amelia Kay
- John Kay
- Anna Kopachevsky
- Maxim Kremerov
- Emily Liu
- Patrick Luca
- Gianna Masseria
- Luke Montalvo
- Antonio Morello
- Nicholas Napolitano
- Taylor Neenan
- Christopher Ochoa
- Clacsio Sacchen

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- Nicolette Smolka
- Joseph Soliman
- Nicholas Souffrin
- Anthony Templemen
- Tyler Tricarico
- Joseph Villamagna
- Nicole Visciano

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- Ella Olugbodi

PS36

- Evelyn Alvarez
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- Emily Caccavo
- Allison Greenberg
- Donato Herman
- Jason Milgram
- Michael Moudatsos
- Paula Moudatsos

- Isabella Roman

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- Chloe Aseng
- Ryan Cambria
- Riley Cammarano
- Peter Ceci
- Marissa Cera
- Daniella Clement
- Madison Cummings
- Vincent D'Ovidio
- Mia Dennis
- Phoenix Diana
- Caitlin Dietsch
- Danielle Durando
- Chloe Epstein
- Nikolas Felski
- Alessia Ferrante

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- Ryan Schnur
- Michelina Styka
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- Amelia Atassi
- Elizabeth Bentsianov
- Kaylee Gordon

- Philip Tkachuk

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- Michael Brass
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- Sameen Bukhari
- Michelle Bukshan
- Angel Caballero
- Giovanni Cafferata
- Batuhan Caglar
- Annie Mae Caldwell
- Kari Caldwell
- Amauri Canelo
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- Matthew Cassar
- Armando Catania
- Joseph Cavuoti
- Jacob Cheung
- Gabriella Christian
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- Brian Chzranowski
- Jacob Collado
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- Michael Gebbia
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- Ricky Wubnig
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