



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Rich Funke

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RICH FUNKE 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 Rich Funke

HFL

- Devin Bhaskaran
- Owen Dack
- Michael Dovichi
- Makayla Klein
- Aidan Neenan
- Andrew Wanzenried

HFL Manor School

- Owen Smith