



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Malcolm Smith

THANKSGIVING ESSAYS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

MALCOLM SMITH December 2, 2014



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 Malcolm A. Smith

MS 138

- [Thoby Dube](#)

PS 20 John Bowne Elementary School

- [Michaiah Barrett](#)

Renaissance Middle School IS192

- [Gregory Williams](#)

Sacred Heart Catholic Academy

- [Kaylee Lland](#)

St. Clare Catholic Academy

- [Danielle Chan](#)

- Quiana Phang

Talented and Gifted School for Young Scholars

- Maheen Rahman

The Nuturing Center and Academy

- Perla Fouche