



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Rich Funke

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[RICH FUNKE](#) November 24, 2015

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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

East Rochester Elementary School

- Lily Funk
- Leah Griffith
- Matthew Michalski
- Mariangela Morreale

- Olivia Premo
- Jonas Schattner
- Kendall Williams
- Riley Wing

Manny

- Manuel Sepulveda

St John Neumann

- Heather Sponable

The Charles Finney School

- Sydney Boyer
- Anna Lydon
- Elizabeth Lydon