

## Instrumentalists perform, receive recognition at '11-12 year-end show

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From the Barbary Coast to Montego Bay, and from the Renaissance to present-day, music was diverse and sweet as band students in grades 5-12 performed in their spring band concert Thursday, May 10 in the HHS auditorium.

Interwined nicely with the musical entertainment was the presentation of awards in each band group, given by director Shauna Close. Also recognized for assisting with piano accompaniment was Holyoke vocal music teacher Marcia Dalton.

Rachel Schneider was awarded the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award and Alyssa Cordova received the John Philip Sousa Band Award.



**Holyoke band instructor Shauna Close is pictured between award winners Alyssa Cordova, at left, who received the John Philip Sousa Band Award, and Rachel Schneider, at right, winner of the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award. —Enterprise photo**

Juniors Lindsay Helgoth and Ben Martinez were recognized with the Holyoke Dragon Excellence in Band Awards.

Also acknowledged during Thursday night's program were the letterwinners in Jazz Band, Concert Band and Pep Band, as previously announced at the May 7 Academic Awards program.

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Awards were presented in other band groups as follows:

Outstanding band member awards: Dani Brandt and Jesus M. Martinez, eighth-grade; Whitney Powell and Austin Herman, seventh-grade; Grace Dille and Tyler Lamm, sixth-grade; and Kyra Loutensock and Keegan Shaw, fifth-grade.



**Fifth-grade band members Keegan Shaw on oboe, at left, and Kyra Loutensock on flute perform during Thursday night's band concert in the HHS auditorium.**

**—Enterprise photo**

Most improved band student: Dennis Amaya, junior high; Taylor Hendrix, sixth-grade; and Mauro Morales, fifth-grade.

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Senior oboist, Brandon Decker, plays during the year-end concert.



Senior saxophone player, Julia Miller, performs during the year-end concert.



Senior timpani player, Brian O'Connell, plays during the year-end concert.