

## Ortner, Clayton, Austin honored at Emerald Awards

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Three educators in the Holyoke School District were recognized Thursday, April 25 at the fourth annual Emerald Awards presentation. Those earning awards are pictured from left, Susan C. Ortner, Leader Among Us; Ashley Clayton, Innovator of the Year; and Mary Austin, Heart Award. Friends and colleagues packed into the Peerless Theatre to help the three celebrate.

Along with the ceremony, eighth-graders Whitney Powell and Emily Krogmeier provided the entertainment, singing “For Good” from the musical “Wicked.” The night came to a close with a reception that included cupcakes and refreshments. □ □

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