

2010 Emerald Awards to recognize dedication, excellence in education

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Lynn Schneider, Nancy Kennedy and Nancy Pillard will be recognized as Emerald Award winners in Holyoke School District's first annual program.

Scheduled for Friday, April 16 at 7 p.m. in the HHS auditorium, the program will honor the three staff members and recognize their contributions to education.

The community is invited to join the celebration and support the award winners.

Video presentations of each of the winners have been prepared by the HHS TV Productions class. These will be presented in Friday's program as the awards are explained and winners introduced.

Additionally, the HHS Select Choir and HHS Jazz Band will perform select numbers.

A reception will be held in the Commons Area following the program.

The Emerald Awards which will be presented follow:

Heart Award—to Nancy Pillard, JH/HS Library Aide. The award recognizes a school employee who demonstrates exceptional caring for a student, a student's family, a group of students or colleagues.

Innovator of the Year—to Nancy Kennedy, K-3 literacy coach. This award honors an employee who has taken a risk to implement some new initiative, program or strategy based on research or evidence of success.

Leader Among Us—to Lynn Schneider, third grade teacher. This award honors an employee who provides excellent leadership.

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Holyoke School District partnered with The Holyoke Enterprise and 14 other sponsors in initiating the First Annual Emerald Awards program.

A special section honoring Schneider, Pillard and Kennedy as the 2010 Emerald Award winners is inserted in this edition of The Holyoke Enterprise.

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For more on the three Emerald Award winners, see the special section in this week's *Enterprise*

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