

Emerald Awards to celebrate educators

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The emerald has a terrific folklore throughout history and in many cultures. The emerald has represented such attributes as: active intelligence, the promise of good luck, the ability to enhance one's well-being, as well as the color of Venus who was the goddess of beauty and love. The green of the emerald is the color of life and of the springtime, which comes round again and again.

Therefore it is most fitting for recognition of excellence in the school district. Three awards will be given annually to acknowledge some of the key attributes of excellence in the education profession. Awards include Heart Award, Innovator of the Year and Leader Among Us.

Join us for a special recognition program for the Fourth Annual Holyoke School District Emerald Awards Thursday, April 25 at 7 p.m. at the Peerless Theatre, followed by a reception in the multi-purpose room.

Click below to read stories for each of the three recipients:

[Susan C. Ortner](#)

[Mary Austin](#)

[Ashley Clayton](#)

