



COMMENDATION

It is with great pride that the City of Key West shall honor Dominic Giardino for the award he received from Key West High School for Excellence in the Visual, Performing, and Vocational Arts. Dominic is a talented musician who is persistent in his drive for excellence. His instrument of choice is the clarinet and he studies under the principal clarinetist of the Miami Symphony Orchestra, Julian Santacoloma. His exceptional musical ability was exemplified at KWHS when he achieved the unheard of status of making both All-State Band and All-State Choir. Dominic is a volunteer at Ft. Zachary State Park where he founded a band of high school musicians to portray a Civil War brass band. The primary purpose of this band was to preserve the American musical traditions of the 19th century. As a result of his efforts, he received an invitation to drum major and led the 47th Pennsylvania Volunteer Regimental Brass Band in the 2011 NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade. An accomplished academic student, Dominic maintains a 4.76 weighted GPA in a rigid academic schedule. He aspires to have a career in classical music with the dream of serving in the US Marine Corps as a musician in the Corps' elite group, "The President's Own".

The City of Key West is honored to have a student of such caliber and dedication as part of our community.

In recognition of this honor, the City of Key West hereby presents this
Commendation to:

DOMINIC GIARDINO

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 5th day of April, 2011.

Craig Cates, MAYOR