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Top two graduates of Ansonia Middle School announced

ANSONIA – The top two graduates of Ansonia Middle School are Mary Kraynak of Team 8-East and Rose Marie Scalzi Team 8-West. Lynn Bennett-Wallick, AMS principal, made this announcement during commencement exercises on June 16.

Mary, the daughter of Joseph and Deborah Kraynak, was very active in the AMS Drama Club, performing in “A Christmas Carol” and “Annie Jr.” She has been selected as a Student of the Month and competing in essay competitions in sixth grade. Mary participates in the Ansonia Recreational Soccer Program and is very active in the Civil Air Patrol, an auxiliary to the Air Force, with her squadron in Stratford. She is an alter server at Holy Rosary Church and this summer, she plans to volunteer at Griffin Hospital.

Mary plans to attend Ansonia High School in the fall. She is interested in becoming a U.S. Naval officer and studying forensic science in college.

Rose, the daughter of Melissa and Joseph Scalzi, is also deeply involved in her school and community. In December, she was one of two AMS students to receive the Connecticut Association of Public Schools Superintendent’s Award of Excellence. She has also been selected as a Student of the Month and received a Perfect Attendance Award for the 2006-07 year and for the second half of the 2007-08 school year. She is a member of the AMS Yearbook Committee and the PTSO Kids Crew, who assist with fundraisers, and was in the fifth grade chorus at Mead School.

In the community, Rose has been a member of the Valley YMCA Sprinters swim team for seven years and won the Most Improved Swimmer Award in 2002, 2005 and 2006. She serves as an acolyte at Trinity Episcopal Church and volunteers as an assistant teacher in the Vacation Bible School. In the fall, she will attend Ansonia High School and is interested in pursuing a career as a forensic scientist.