

Secretary of State honors CHS students

Pair of seniors honored with 2012 Civic Leadership Awards

PROVIDENCE, RI — Secretary of State A. Ralph Mollis honored Coventry residents with his office's 2012 Civic Leadership Awards, which are given annually to members of the senior class who make outstanding contributions to their school and their community.

"This award recognizes students who show an understanding of the importance public

service has in a democratic society. They take the principles of civics and put them into action at home and at school," said Mollis.

This year's award winners from Coventry include Katie Lianne Auld and Thomas Robert Scappini of Coventry High School. Auld has been a member of the select choir over

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Coventry students Katie Lianne Auld and Thomas Robert Scappini pose with their awards along with Secretary of State A. Ralph Mollis (left).

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her four years at CHS. She has held a class officer position each year most recently secretary to the class of 2012.

Katie is a member of her church choir and plays softball in the town's recreational league. Scappini has been an active member of the student body most recently Class Vice President of the Senior Class. He has also been a writer and co-editor of the school newspaper. Tom has

been a member of the cross country and indoor and outdoor track team since freshman year. He has also been a member of the Mock Trial for grades 11 & 12.

As hundreds of their family and friends looked on, nearly 100 students received awards at a State House ceremony.

Mollis asked high schools around the state to nominate one female and one male member of the Class of 2012 based on their record of public service, leadership ability and academic achievement.

Nearly 70 high schools ranging from Barrington High to Woonsocket High nominated seniors for the honor. This is the sixth consecutive year Mollis has presented the awards.

"My goal is to encourage young people to get involved. Their enthusiasm and willingness to participate in the civic life of their school and community are vital to the strength of our democracy. I hope their example inspires next year's senior class," said Mollis.