

Coventry High Graduation



Valedictorian, salutatorian keep it together

Twins Allison and Jessica Bellows pushed each other to top spots as Oakers

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COVENTRY — This year's valedictorian and salutatorian of the Coventry High School class of 2015 are identical twin sisters, both topping a 5.0 grade point average. Jessica and Allison Bellows will be graduating tonight with over 300 of their peers and seven other pairs

Allison and Jessica Bellows are hard to tell apart, even when it comes to their GPA.

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of twins.

"Having a twin through high school helped us stay focused and was nice to have someone there when there was a difficult week," Salutatorian Allison said. "It is friendly competition but it is mostly a supportive relationship."

Both twins will be attending Brown University in the fall and are unde-

ecided on their respective majors. Allison may explore pre-med while Jessica is considering biomedical engineering.

Throughout their school careers, the Bellows twins have had almost the exact same schedules which they believed helped them get through the challenging honors classes. The pair

also ran track together while at Coventry High School.

"Coventry High, overall, was very supportive and had really great teachers that definitely helped us," Valedictorian Jessica said. "There is a lot of opportunity at that school, you just have to take advantage of it and we both did."

Traditionally, the valedictorian and salutatorian make separate speeches during the commencement ceremony but in true twin fashion, Allison and

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Jessica requested a joint speech at tonight's ceremony at the Ryan Center.

"We always motivate each other by doing work together in a school environment because it is easy to get work done; however, we have that environment at home because we are both together," Allison said. "It made it easier for us but it is-

n't so much a competition."

The Bellows girls are atop the top ten students in 2015 graduating class — which happen to all be young ladies.

"Their friends can easily tell them apart. Jessica is more outspoken while Allie tends to laugh something off," CHS Principal Mike Hobin said while addressing the twins at their award ceremony. "I cannot recall when twins have ever been first

and second in the class at CHS but these twins are simply remarkable."

Hobin added that, "While their commitment, their humility and their excellence are mirror images of each other, as individuals they are each truly unique."

Coventry High School graduation begins at 6p.m. tonight at the University of Rhode Island's Ryan Center in Kingston.