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TWO SALVE REGINA STUDENTS HONORED FOR EXCEPTIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE

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"She is a remarkable and warmly human young woman in serving the needs of young students," said Program Coordinator Jeanne Nicholson.

Negron, of Stratford, Conn., received The Children's Hour Award for Outstanding Community Service following her second year with the literacy program. A psychology major, Negron completed her community service in 2002 but elected to continue with the Children's Hour as a reader and mentor, providing 14 additional hours of service during the past academic year.

"Miss Negron is keenly interested and exceptionally gifted in her work with children," said Nicholson, "and has committed to a third year of participation returning with the Reading/literacy Program at All Saints Academy on Oct. 2."

The Children's Hour Reading Program spends five to six weeks at participating Newport Schools from 3 to 4 p.m. each week. During the first portion of the hour CHRP's core group educators Sandra Flowers and Barbara Wright read to the students from worthwhile books that embody traditional family ideals and values. During the second half hour, the students write and illustrate their own picture books with the guidance of the program's educators and University mentors.

In June 2003, 12 students received awards for outstanding achievement in writing and illustrating a book of exceptional quality. Prizes were awarded at the June 25 Reading Reaps Rewards Summer Kick-Off sponsored by the Newport School Department.

The program is free and parents are encouraged to attend with their children. Interested parents with students in grades 1-3 should contact their school principals for details and upcoming scheduling.



Jennifer Negrón and Amy Vitale

NEWPORT, R.I. - Two Salve Regina University undergraduates were honored with awards for exceptional community service by The Children's Hour Reading/Literacy Program of Newport County on Thursday, Sept. 25.

Amy Vitale and Jennifer Negrón were selected for their outstanding contribution to the Children's Hour Reading Program (CHRP) during the past academic year.

Vitale received The Children's Hour Award for Outstanding Community Service for her inspiring dedication from January through April 2003 when she assisted two afternoons each week. Her participation represents 33 percent of the total University students' contribution during the past academic year.

Vitale, who hails from Harper Woods, Mich., changed her major to elementary education during her reading and mentoring experience with the after-school literacy program in Newport public, private and parochial schools.