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Matthew Pegues graduated eighth grade valedictorian and Hannah Anderson salutatorian of Como-Pickton Junior High.

Pegues, son of Ben and Jessica Pegues, finished eighth grade with a 4.0 grade point average.

The valedictorian has been very involved in extracurricular activities. He was in the band, as well as the football, basketball, track and baseball teams.

Pegues also earned honors for his participation in academic UIL competition. He earned first place in mathematics, and placed in dictionary skills and number sense.

He also includes among his honors having perfect attendance, being on the A Honor Roll every six weeks and receiving one of the top three band awards. He also received academic awards in Algebra I for top in high school as an eighth grader, as well as in science, reading, English and Bible.

Pegues is also a member of Duke TIP and the advanced academics, the school's gifted and talented program.

The 2014 CPJHS valedictorian's future goals including staying on the A Honor Roll through high school and staying at the top of the class, and to begin taking college courses as soon as possible.

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Anderson, daughter of Greg and Shelly Anderson, finished eighth grade with a 3.833 GPA.

The salutatorian too was involved in numerous extracurricular activities. She played volleyball, basketball and participated in track and field events.

Anderson also competed in academic UIL, winning first place honors in listening skills and second in impromptu speaking, and placing fifth place in oral reading.

She also won the top research award, was in the advanced academics GT class and art.

Anderson plans to further her education at university, though she is unsure which profession she will pursue.

“And, despite it being a cliché, I aim to leave this world in a better condition than when I arrived,” Anderson said.