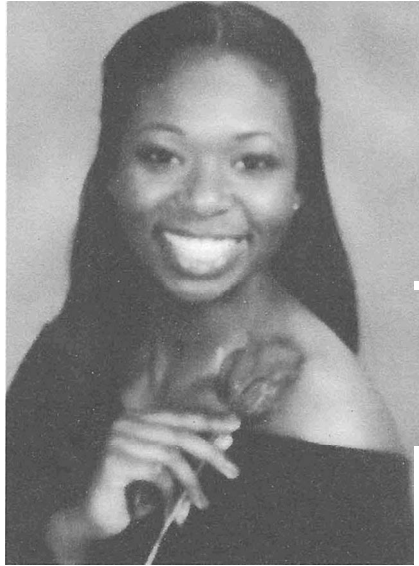


Meeting Alexandra

She nosed the new silver Mazda carefully into a parking space. Her mother had let her use it and it was only 2 weeks old. Alexandra was being careful.

Alexandra Mazyck does everything carefully. This tall slim young lady from Burlington City High School is the 2011 winner of the the Robert M. Oberholser Scholarship from BCREA. She will be attending Monmouth University and has already begun to be noticed there. She was accepted into a special program which will enable her to get both her bachelor's degree and her master's degree in 5 years. Her good record and GPA at Burlington City made her a candidate. In her senior year at Monmouth, she has a chance to get a graduate fellowship award for the fifth year. Want to bet she gets it?

Alexandra immediately gave credit to her kindergarten teacher from Edgewater Park, Mrs. Eaches, for her own desire to be a teacher. "She made class so much fun! She played a guitar and sang cute little songs all the time. I still go to visit her when I can," she said smilingly.



Then she added, "Mr. John Russell, my history teacher at Burlington City, is the one who inspired me to want to be a history teacher, however. He is so excited about history and he makes his students excited, too. I want to be just like that."

Alexandra's mother is a nurse for the State Health and Senior Services Dept. Though she wanted her daughter to be a nurse, too, Alexandra said she is too soft-hearted for that job. It would make her too sad to see people sick.

In her free time, she likes to read and enjoys music. This young lady was also on the track team and the cheerleading squad. She plays the flute and was in the marching band and the concert band. A favorite singer is Colbie Caillat, but Alexandra will tell you she has "favorite songs," rather than favorite singers.

The trouble with today's teenagers? Alexandra thinks they do not take things seriously enough. She has friends who could not get into college because they wasted their time in high school. No one could say that about this young woman! We wish her the best.