

Beatrice Amaza Howard First Girl Of Colored Race To Graduate At U. Of R.

Beatrice Amaza Howard, a member of the senior class of the College for Women, has the distinction of being the first Rochester Negress to be graduated from the University of Rochester.

After Miss Howard receives her bachelor of arts degree next Monday, she hopes to teach mathe-

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of the university. For the last four years Miss Howard has received a Christmas check from Mrs. Alling, which has, with her scholarships and the money she earned working summers, paid practically all her college expenses, with the exception of this year, when she has been more dependent upon her parents.

An Athlete

Miss Howard played baseball and basketball on class teams, for which she was awarded letters. She is a member of the Delta Zeta chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta colored national sorority. The Delta Zeta chapter is in Buffalo and Miss Howard is one of the two Rochester girls who are members.

When asked if she would advise other girls of her race to attend a white college, she said she would if they wanted an education. Colored colleges, she explained, offer more in their social life, but their standards are not so high nor their equipment so good, although they are continually improving.

Miss Howard is active in church work, and last week the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church gave her a college ring. She teaches Sunday School, and her grandfather, the Rev. George B. Howard, built many Baptist churches in Pittsburgh and in West Virginia. She is acting president of the Sarah C. Williamson Missionary Circle, which supplies uniforms for the pupils in the Suehm Mission in Monrovia, Liberia. She has done some public speaking and singing in Syracuse at the World Wide Guild in 1927, and at the Yates County convention at Keuka College last year she talked on racial problems.

Any leisure time she has, Miss Howard spends in reading. She likes mystery stories best.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard, who live at 104 Pansy Street, will attend the college pageant Friday evening, and look forward to seeing their daughter graduated Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Howard attended the Hampton Institute in Virginia, and Miss Victoria D. Howard, Beatrice's only sister, takes piano lessons at the Eastman School of Music,



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matics, Latin or English in a colored school or college or in a white school which employs Negro teachers. If she does not get a position she plans to work for a master of arts degree at the university.

Throughout her school days Miss Howard has maintained a high scholastic record. When she was graduated from School 31 she was custodian of the flag, the only colored pupil in the school to have had that honor, for having the highest average in the class. In college she has held a scholarship of \$100 a year for three years.

Her admittance to the university from East High School was based entirely upon her school record. Her father, Robert J. Howard, has been employed as chauffeur for 20 years by Joseph T. Alling, trustee