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Brioche is the recipient of about \$12,300 in academic scholarships, including the Comcast Leaders and Achievers award.

Brioche will return to Miami, a city that she originally called home.

"We moved here when I was 13," Brioche said on Tuesday in Perriello's office. "I was supposed to go to Patapsco, but I liked Dundalk much better. I had friends here."

While living in Miami with her mother, Marie-Ange Brioche and her older brother, Amanda fell in love with the weather.

"I love everything about the weather. I used to look out the window during hurricanes just to watch them roll up," Brioche said with a bit of mischief in her voice. "I wasn't supposed to be near the win-



Dundalk student Amanda Brioche wants to study meteorology in college.

dows. I can't help it. I've always loved storms and the weather."

While at Dundalk Brioche started the in-school group Volunteer in Everyway, according to Perriello, and worked on the most intensive academic program the school had to offer.

"Amanda was taking 18 credits this year," Perriello said. "She's amazingly driven. That's a lot of work."

Perriello also noted that Brioche had her pick of just about any college she wanted.

"Almost every school she applied for she was accepted," Perriello said. "That says a lot."

Brioche credits her mother for installing the drive toward education in her and her brother.

"Every day she would tell us why it's important to stay in school and do good in school," Brioche said. "I love learning and studying because of her."

Of all the colleges that accepted her, Brioche settled on Miami.

"I'll be close to my brother," Brioche said. "And all the storms."

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Valedictorian gets \$12,000 in college scholarships

by Joseph M. Giordano



"This is meteorologist Amanda Brioche."

Wait. That hasn't happened yet. But it will.

That is, if Dundalk High School student and 2010 valedictorian Amanda Brioche has her way.

Brioche, 18, will graduate with a 3.7 grade point average and attend the University of Miami in the fall.

"She's an incredibly hard worker," said guidance counselor Marites Perriello. "Amanda started with regular classes and worked her way up to the Advanced Placement [AP] program."

Advanced Placement classes are college-level courses that are offered to selected students to prepare them for university studies, according to the Baltimore County school system's website.