

Miss America 1994

not the reason she got involved. She declined to comment on President Clinton's plans for the homeless.

Aiken, a student of both accounting and music, sang a moving rendition of George Gershwin's "Summertime" during the talent portion of the contest's nationally televised finals.

She studied last year at the University of North Carolina and is enrolled this year at the University of South Carolina.

She is the first Miss America from South Carolina since 1957 and the first 18-year-old crowned since Tawny Godin of New York won in 1976.

Along with the title, Aiken will receive a \$35,000 scholarship, a Chevrolet Camaro and an estimated \$200,000 in speaking fees.

The field of 50 contestants, one from each state, was narrowed to

10 and then to five semifinalists after two weeks of competition in swimsuit, talent, interview and evening gown competition.

As part of a new format for the 73-year-old pageant, contestants had to do their own hair and make-up and the dress code for the evening wear competition was relaxed.

Aiken wore a black fitted

apex gown with a high collar and sleeves.
Miss Georgia, Kelly Kim, 23, of Statesboro was the runner-up; Miss Ohio, Tanya Adams, 20, of Chardon, placed runner-up; Miss Oregon, Melissa Ann Simmons, 23, of Astoria, was runner-up; and Miss Virginia, Nancy Clifton, 23, of Williamsburg, took the title.

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Family, Friends Say New Miss America Is Humble, Kind and Talented

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Kimberly Aiken is still a teenager, but she can easily handle her responsibilities as the new Miss America, her mother says. "She's poised, calm and has her head screwed on right, especially when she's trying to help people," Aiken's mother, Mrs. Valerie Aiken said Sunday.

Mrs. Aiken didn't think her daughter would win as an 18-year-old, but she thinks judges were impressed by the Columbia resident's maturity and elegance.

Maturity and elegance had nothing to do with the reaction of Aiken's dormitory cheering section at her former school, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

"Some of us were hanging out of the window screaming, 'Go Kim! Go Kim!' Everybody's so shocked she got it, but we all knew she could do it," said Kendra Pough, 18, Aiken's classmate at St. Andrews Middle School and Columbia High School.

Columbia High chorus teacher Conchita Edens, one of Aiken's vocal coaches, said she is still trying to come down from the excitement of seeing her humble and kind pupil win.

"She has never been one to want to seek all of the glory. And that voice of hers, I tell you, it's

heavenly — God sent," Edens said.

Kimberly Aiken's boy, 11 months, Louis Barber, she met while at St. Charles, said he was overwhelmed when his girlfriend is Miss America.

"I had to sit down," Barber said. "I felt fainty," Columbia High senior Bob Coble planned Sunday telegrams to Aiken as congratulations.

Although the date has not yet been set, Aiken's homecoming declared "Kimberly Aiken Day" at Columbia, Coble said.

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scores, however, lag behind the national average for white students by about 10 points.

The pattern of black and white achievement repeated itself several times this year when national test scores were released for elementary and high school students.

North Carolina's black eighth-graders, for example, scored two points above the average of blacks nationwide on a math test released in April — a ranking of 18th in the country.

North Carolina's whites scored 10 points below whites nationwide on the same test — a ranking of 33rd.

The state's black students scored 19 points behind the national average for blacks when SAT results were released in August. Whites scored 34 points behind whites nationwide.

College officials who see the competitive difference stress the need for improvement among both races.

"North Carolina's black students are more competitive, and I notice that here, but the gap is still dramatic between blacks and whites. And eventually, everyone competes against each other," said Lloyd "Vic" Hackley, chancellor of Fayetteville State University, which is predominantly black.

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