

# STEM Career Interviews

*School Leadership in Urban Runoff Reduction Project*

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*Introducing...*

## **Maya Alexander**

**Potomac River Program Manager and Educator,  
Chesapeake Bay Foundation**

Meet Maya Alexander. Maya is an environmental/ outdoor educator that lives in Baltimore, Maryland and currently works for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation as their Potomac River Program Manager and Educator.

Growing up in Columbia, Maryland, Maya had a “pretty fun” childhood. “I loved to be outside and play with friends in the neighborhood catching bugs, swimming in the local creek, or playing on the swing set until the sunset.” Maya graduated from Salisbury University in 2016 with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Psychology, the study of the human brain, and the environment can be simply connected.

Maya addresses the question of how her profession and her major are connected easily. “I have always had a passion for

the environment and the outdoors and I have vowed to make it my life mission to take care of our planet and motivate others to do the same; what better way to do this than to apply psychology?”

Maya describes an obstacle she continues to challenge to overcome: self-confidence.

“Through the years, one of my biggest obstacles to overcome was not believing in myself. Recently I have learned that one of the best strengths is truly believing in yourself and gaining self-confidence. Once you do you can accomplish anything! This is a life lesson I plan to carry through as I work towards my goal of one day starting a farm.”

Maya shares a comforting thought to everyone, regardless of where their circumstances may be.

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