

Unionville High School graduate Emmanuelle Chriqui is the love interest of R&B star Usher in the new movie *In the Mix*.



Unionville grad co-stars with Usher

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As a Unionville High School student, Emmanuelle Chriqui said she would make it in Hollywood.

By all accounts she has, starring as the love interest of R&B star Usher in the new movie *In the Mix*.

Ms Chriqui, named one of the 100 most beautiful women by *Stuff* magazine, plays Dolly, who is not only Usher's girlfriend but the daughter of his former employer.

Ms Chriqui, who comes from a Moroccan background, started acting at age seven. She played a dancing cheeseburger in a McDonald's commercial when she was 10.

The 28-year-old actress also starred in

the 2001 movie *On the Line*, also known as the N-Sync movie because it starred group members Lance Bass and Joey Fatone.

Dolores Croth, a Unionville resident, was pleasantly surprised when she heard Ms Chriqui was starring in the new movie.

"I think it is amazing. Unionville is a small town. To have people succeeding, they (Unionville High) must have a wonderful arts program there," she said.

Ms Croth's son, Mike, went to Unionville High at the same time as Ms Chriqui. Ms Chriqui was best friends with Mike's girlfriend at the time.

Even in those uncertain adolescent days of high school, Ms Chriqui was saying: "I'm going to make it in Hollywood."

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