

Hi, my name is Teaira Terry and I am in a program called Spirits Landing. Spirits Landing is a non-profit leadership program for young women. Lead by a woman named Tabbatha Mays (Ms. Mays) in Los Angeles, California. Spirits Landing turns young women into the well-rounded, responsible, and beautiful women they were born to be.

I am what some may call a veteran to the program. It has been 2 years and I probably won't leave until I graduate. I was placed in Spirits Landing for many reasons, but a few are insecurity, depression, being disrespectful, and lack of taking responsibility. My grandma put me in the program because she was starting to think that I would never change. When I began the program I didn't really take it all that seriously, because she was talking about how she gives assignments and if you don't do them you get a consequence. All I thought was that this lady is crazy if she thinks I'm actually going to do homework for a program I don't even want to be in, and besides she not my mom she can't tell me what to do. After a couple of weeks I realized that she wasn't playing, when I didn't do my homework she made me run 3 laps and do 50 push ups. After that I still wasn't doing my homework, so let's just say I'm in pretty good shape, because I got a lot of laps. Eventually I just got to a point where I started to dislike Ms. Mays, because running hurts and she had a conference with my mom and it got me in a lot of trouble. Really at the time I just wanted her to change the day I came to the program, because I was a regular teenager I wanted to do what other teenagers do on the weekend like hangout with my friends and family; instead, Saturday was the day that I had to go to the program. Ms. Mays ended up changing the day I came to Wednesday, but I still messed that up by not doing my homework, and was changed back to Saturday. However, I am actually glad that I was changed, because I ended up having class with 2 girls who became good friends of mine, who help change me for the better, and we have lots of fun together.

I conclude, that I was probably the worst kid in program history and if I can change for the better than anyone can, and the best part is I'm not even done yet. Ms. Mays will listen to your problems, teach responsibility, show you how to be wise with your money, help you make goals for yourself, and best of all help you achieve them. I couldn't stand Ms. Mays at a point in time, now I love her more than ever. I guarantee you, if you join this program you'll love her too, and she'll change your life.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Teaira Terry'. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'T' and a long horizontal line extending to the right.