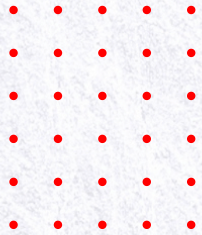


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Deja Strong has found her voice as a leader in her community. At Alabama A&M University, Deja founded a student-led organization called Speak Up Act Out that identifies and works towards solutions for social injustices. By fostering productive dialogue, Deja succeeds in spreading awareness and knowledge to create the change she wants to see in the world. In addition to spearheading Speak Up Act Out, Deja is a Senator for Academic Affairs in Student Government Association, a member of the Honors Program and a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. This summer, Deja held an internship position at the City of St. Louis Mayor's Office, working to improve community health and child education.

Deja's natural affinity for leadership was cultivated in her 12 years at Girls Inc. and has continued as a volunteer and teacher at Girls Inc. According to Deja, "the best leaders make leaders." As a facilitator at Girls Inc., Deja is grateful to play a part in her students' growth as learners and as leaders.