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My journey to womanhood was not overnight. I met Ms. Mays in 2007 as she was transitioning from being a full- time entertainer. She reached beyond herself and began mentoring young women, such as myself, to lead holistic lives in the entertainment industry! It was difficult in the beginning and the middle of our mentor/mentee relationship because I often found a way to do my own thing when I felt that things became too "domineering." Ms. Mays and I have not always agreed; however, she's fostered an environment to help me stand solid in my convictions and I'm forever grateful. Ms. Mays has demonstrated EXTRAORDINARY commitment and service to my heart by watering seeds that my parents sowed and introducing me to new territory that my parents hadn't reached yet. She fueled our relationship with her time, tears, wisdom, finances, loyalty and guidance!

Being a student at *The Spirits Landing Leadership Academy* affirmed my desire to be well rounded and to lead with skill and my heart. Ms. Mays helped me to honor, accept and understand the value of variation within process as we stumbled across road blocks within our journey - Barriers that were transcended through transparency, time and space!

Leadership is NOT based on commercialism, convenience or quick fixes and as a woman, teacher, nurturer, and militant strategist with an avant- garde disposition, Ms. Mays has demonstrated courage and resilience within the arduous task of true leadership. *Ms. Mays, I honor you and thank-yeu for helping me LAND*!!

Warm regards