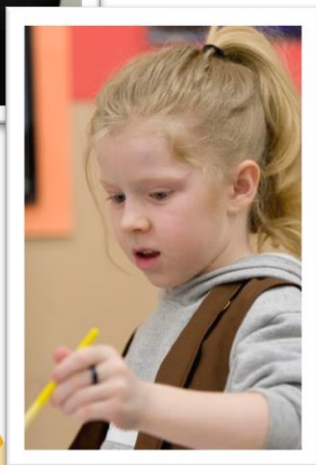


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Finding Your Voice

Delaney Northington has been a Girl Scout for 11 years and is in Troop 2091 in Service Unit 620. She is currently a senior at Pembroke Hill School.

Delaney's Gold Award project addressed the disconnect among local teens living in the same city yet see each other as different. Whether the differences between teens are socioeconomic, racial or gender based, Delaney wanted to help bridge these gaps by pairing students together through writing. She combined students at Pembroke Hill School and Youth Ambassadors to learn from one another and find common ground. Her hope is that the project changes the way teens view "others" and creates a stronger community in the Kansas City area.

Delaney worked with Pembroke Hill School and Youth Ambassadors to create a curriculum and find students to work on the project. By making the materials, presentations and curriculum available online, she has made this project sustainable for future educators who wish to engage teens in these community building exercises. In addition to bridging gaps, Delaney hopes to encourage students to positively express themselves through writing.

Because of Girl Scouts... I have gained a lot of confidence as I have grown up with this positive activity in my life—the skills I have gained from Girl Scouts have influenced me to be a strong, empowered young woman.