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*Demetia Hopkins, dancer,  
Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater  
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**Demetia Hopkins, dancer**

It started with a dream, a whisper in her ear of a notion that, while seemingly improbable, lit a fire inside of her. Demetia Hopkins began dancing when she was four in a studio not far from her hometown in Orange County, Virginia. Today, Demetia lives a 'New York storybook life,' performing in numerous productions and developing her talents in the acclaimed New York dance theater company, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. Utilizing her fellowship, she intends to bring more arts education into rural Virginia. Demetia also would like to arrange performances by professional dance companies for the entire community and master classes for local school and dance studios.