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Hip-Hop Artist Nelly to Present Scholarships at Lindenwood University

Who: Grammy Award-winning artist Nelly and local high school students Charles Fraction and Naa'na Wilson.

What: Nelly will present Black and White Ball scholarships to Fraction and Wilson. This is the fifth consecutive year the star will make an appearance at Lindenwood to formally present the awards.

A 2009 Black and White Ball scholarship recipient, Terranique Campbell, will also be recognized during the presentation ceremony. She will graduate from the university in May 2013 with an undergraduate degree in nonprofit administration.

The event is sponsored by members of the Lindenwood University Black Student Union, Plaza Motors, Synergy Productions, and Nelly's record label, Derry Ent.

When: **3:30 p.m., Friday, April 12**

Where: Lindenwood University
Lindenwood House
209 S. Kingshighway
St. Charles, Mo., 63301

Why: Lindenwood University announced at Nelly's Black and White Ball in St. Louis in 2008 that it would begin annually awarding two four-year, full-tuition scholarships in partnership with the artist. Since then, Nelly has presented recipients with the awards during special presentations at the university.

Applications were distributed to all high schools in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. The opportunity was open to all incoming first-year students who met Lindenwood admission requirements and demonstrated academic success, leadership, and financial need. Applicants also submitted a 200- to 300-word essay describing their personal goals and aspirations for college and their plans for applying their education and talents in the future.

Following a thorough review of all submitted applications, Fraction and Wilson were selected as 2013-2014 award recipients by the Black and White Ball Scholarship Evaluation Committee.

Fraction currently attends Elsberry High School in Elsberry, Mo., and plans to major in graphic design at Lindenwood. Wilson attends Jennings High School in Jennings, Mo., and plans to study pre-veterinary science and biology at the university.