

# 2003 Hall of Fame Inductee

## Cornell “Nelly” Haynes, Jr.

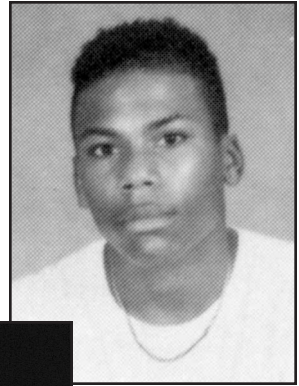
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Cornell “Nelly” Haynes, Jr., was born in Austin, Texas, but he lets everyone in the world know that St. Louis is his home.

Following high school graduation, Haynes broke into the hip-hop and rap venue with his group, the St. Lunatics. Through his multi-Grammy winning “Country Grammar” and 5+ platinum “Nellyville” albums, Haynes expresses his enthusiasm for St. Louis and

encourages students to reach for their full potential. Beyond the Grammys, Haynes has received a variety of music and television awards including being named one of Rank’s Top 25 Sexiest Men for 2003; he was the opening act for the 45th Grammy Awards and appeared in the movie, “Snipes.”

His “4 Sho 4 Kids” foundation improves the quality of life for children with disabilities. In 2003, he launched the “Jes US 4 Jackie” nationwide awareness/recruitment campaign for bone marrow donations. Haynes helps underprivileged inner-city children through benefits and literacy efforts that encourage youth to stay in school and increase scholastic test scores. He and the St. Lunatics are frequent visitors in area schools and St. Louis Children’s Hospital.



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