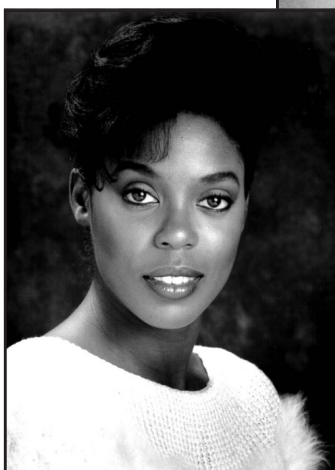


Stephanie Williams-Nelson

University City High School's former homecoming queen Stephanie Williams-Nelson took her love of dance, cheerleading and high school musicals and parlayed it into a whirlwind dance, television, movie and philanthropic career that has spanned more than four decades. She attended Webster University and the University of Missouri-Kansas City on dance scholarships. But it was her performances on the Muny stage in Forest Park and the Starlight Theater in Kansas City that led her to New York City to make a go of it as a dancer.



She earned a coveted scholarship at the prestigious Alvin Ailey Dance Academy and then quickly landed dancing roles in Broadway and off-Broadway productions. She danced at the White House for President Jimmy Carter. Williams then moved to Los Angeles to portray dancer Stephanie Harrison on the hit television series "Fame."



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While on "Fame," she served as assistant choreographer to director/actress Debbie Allen. Williams went on to play major character roles on the soap operas "The Young and the Restless," "General Hospital" and "One Life to Live." During her role as Amy Lewis on "The Young and the Restless," Williams was featured on the cover of TV Guide as part of the "three hottest soap-opera couples," and was a nominee for the NAACP Image Awards as a best supporting actress in a daytime drama. Her résumé includes dozens of guest spots on television shows, including "The Love Boat," "Moesha," "Parenthood," and "A Different World," and she starred as Alexis' secretary, Pamela, on "Dynasty." Williams also has had roles in numerous films, including "The Fan," "Boiling Point," "Meteor Man" and "Back to the Future, Part II." Williams also has created nonprofits and enrichment programs to help children develop social and emotional health and achieve academic success and college and career readiness both in Los Angeles and in the St. Louis region. Now living back in the St. Louis area, she has been an active supporter of University City Schools.