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WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ALUMNUS GRANTED THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME

Cylinda Nesmith Davison (Hemingway High School Class of 1987) and Royalty Design House showed up and showed out at the much anticipated Super Bowl LVIII. Super Bowl LVIII was played on February 11, 2024 in Paradise, Nevada at Allegiant Stadium, between the San Francisco 49ers and the Kansas City Chiefs. Cylinda Nesmith Davison had the opportunity of a lifetime, her company, Royalty Design House was tasked with making all of the female dancers' costumes for Usher's halftime opening act and Head Tailor for the Apple Music Halftime Show along with Tanja Caldwell.

Mrs. LaTonya Parker, Williamsburg County School District's HR and Recruitment and Staffing Specialist states, "Cylinda or "Linda" (as she's known to her family and close friends) and I have been close friends since kindergarten. Although we didn't attend school together until 6th grade, we grew up in Friendship United Methodist Church in Nesmith, SC.

Cylinda has always been gifted and crafty when it comes to sewing. I remember when she made her first pair of pants at the age of twelve. They were perfectly made! Cylinda practically made all of her clothes. When I got married, she made all of my bridesmaids, junior bridesmaids and flower girls' dresses. She even designed and created both of my children's christening outfits (I still have both outfits for over 20 years).

According to Mrs. Parker, Linda was asked by Costume Designer Tanja Caldwell to help with creating the costumes for dancers and performers of Super Bowl LVIII. Tanja put in a bid to do the costumes for the halftime show. Before she even got the call saying she was selected, she called Cylinda and asked if she would go along with her because she didn't want to work with anyone else. She knew the quality and perfection of Cylinda's work. These two gifted ladies met on the set of Coming to America 2 and Black Panther 2 as they collaborated on creating and designing costumes for these big-screen movies.

Cylinda currently resides in the Greater Atlanta, GA area and owns the Royalty Design House in Marietta, GA. She attended Battery Park Elementary Middle School and Hemingway High School. Other credits include:

- Styled Whitney Houston for the cover of Instyle Magazine and Gladys Knight for the Capital One March Madness commercial.
- Worked on the sets of and styled for X-Men and Fast and Furious, Red Notice.
- Styled the dancers for Beyonce's Renaissance Tour in Atlanta.