The mission of the Call Me MISTER® (Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models) National Initiative is to increase the pool of available teachers from broader, more diverse backgrounds particularly among South Carolina’s lowest performing elementary schools. Student participants are largely selected from among underserved, socioeconomically disadvantaged and educationally at-risk communities.

The Call Me MISTER program offers services to promote student success and achievement. Students in the program participate in a cohort system for social and cultural support, are provided with an academic support system to ensure their success and admitted students pursuing approved programs of study in teacher education are provided tuition assistance through Federal Loan Forgiveness programs.

What To Expect
- Participation in a variety of mentoring and tutoring programs at elementary schools, middle schools, community centers and colleges
- Social and academic support activities tailored to meet the needs of your specific cohort
- Mentoring and support from dedicated Call Me MISTER program staff

Did You Know?
- Call Me MISTER was developed by some of our state’s visionary educational leaders who sincerely believe we can build a better tomorrow by getting involved today
- As of the summer of 2013, Call Me MISTER has resulted in a 40 percent increase in the number of African-American male teachers in South Carolina public elementary schools
- MISTERs can connect with other MISTERs from 14 other colleges in South Carolina and programs in six additional states: Florida, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Missouri and Georgia

Student Perspective
“Clemson University can seem a like very big, intimidating place, so it was great having the older guys there to ‘show me the ropes’ as a freshman. I’m not sure if I would have made it to this point without that support, and it is now my privilege to be able to do that for the current freshmen.”

– Camden Johnson, Dalzell, S.C., elementary education major

MISTERs logged almost 650 service hours during the fall 2012 semester, beyond course or University requirements.

Quick Facts
Size: 16 students
Location: Calhoun Courts
Restrictions: elementary, early childhood and special education majors
Application: Required, contact Winston Holton
Fee: None required

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