

Application Information

To apply for Call Me MiSTER at Georgia College, students must be accepted into the university. Then students are required to submit the following materials by the priority deadline of March 1, 2018:

- Official Call Me MiSTER application from the program website
- An essay that answers the following questions: Why do you want to teach, and how will you be a benefit to the profession? How will you be an asset to our program? How do you envision yourself, and how will you make a difference in the lives of others as an educator? What do you foresee as the biggest challenges for you as a future teacher, and how will you embrace them?
- Two letters of recommendation from an educator, counselor, community leader or principal that express the student's motivation for entering the teaching profession and ability to make a positive impact through education
- Resume

Following submission of the items above, prospective participants will be contacted for an interview as a final part of the selection process.

Current 9th – 11th graders interested in Call Me MiSTER are eligible to participate in the free Rising MiSTER Academy summer experience. Please contact the director for details.

Requirements

In order to maintain membership in the Georgia College Call Me MiSTER program, students must:

- MiSTERS are strongly preferred to major in either early childhood education, special education or middle grades education. However, applicants who are choosing alternate pathways toward teaching, such as music education, math with a teaching concentration, etc. are encouraged to apply and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Maintain a minimum 3.00 GPA
- Maintain full-time enrollment at Georgia College
- Attend all Call Me MiSTER-related activities and meet regularly with the director to discuss progress
- Maintain frequent interaction/involvement with their respective College of Education cohorts and fulfill all associated requirements
- While not required, MiSTERS are strongly encouraged to reside within the designated Call Me MiSTER living-learning community

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Less than 2 percent of all educators in the U.S. are black males.

What does that mean for the next generation of leaders if they've never experienced diversity in front of the classroom? Call Me MiSTER endeavors to change this dynamic. We believe in the power of mentorship through education. Our program focuses on the creation of a "Master Teacher" – someone who is proficient as a mentor and transformational educator who instills valuable critical thinking and independent learning skills within each student. MiSTERS become standard bearers and devote their lives to the cause of empowerment through education.



Mission

As the only such program within the state, the Georgia College Call Me MiSTER program will build educational leadership by recruiting and training students from underrepresented backgrounds to become transformational teachers within the state of Georgia. As true architects of change, our MiSTERS will become not only effective educators, but valuable mentors for their students as well.

What is a MiSTER?

"MiSTER" is an acronym for "Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models." As such, our MiSTERS are determined to be not only effective educators, but positive role models inside and outside the classroom. Mentorship is central to the ethos of Call Me MiSTER; as servant leaders, our MiSTERS are devoted to teaching through example. When MiSTERS teach, they not only transform their classroom, but also their schools and as a result, their communities. MiSTERS are guided by the following vision statement:

"I am a dedicated Servant Leader who is perpetuating a sorely needed concept - Servant-Leaders as role models in elementary schools. I am devoted to planting seeds of dignity and respect in children and inspiring them to cultivate those seeds producing a crop of unprecedented success. I will teach reading, writing and arithmetic and progress to self-esteem, imagination and determination. Because of my immeasurable promise, not only have I earned your respect, I demand it! A title is only important if ones' character and integrity dictate its use. When you address me, please verbalize my destiny... please do not call me by my first name... call me in reference to my great vision... call me MiSTER!"

Benefits

Students participating in our Call Me MiSTER program receive:

- Financial assistance specific to Call Me MiSTER
- Academic coaching to encourage their success
- Valuable in-classroom experience beginning their freshman year
- Mentorship from local leaders in education and through the African-American Male Initiative
- A cohort system of peer networks for support
- Support and preparation for the Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE) Program Admission Assessment

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