



## Mission:

The mission of the program is to increase the pool of available teachers from a broader, more diverse background, particularly among the lowest-performing elementary schools. The program is open to all students who are enrolled at Cheyney University, not just males. Due to the low number of males who choose teaching as a profession, especially African-American males, the program is critical for providing much-needed role models for young students

## The Call Me MISTER Program:

Cheyney University is part of a national initiative designed to encourage more African-American males to dedicate their lives to becoming role-models in the field of education. The program, named MISTER (the Mentors Instructing Students towards Effective Role Models) is backed by the State Department of Education. State Representative James Roebuck, chairman of the House Education Committee, was influential in obtaining the grant for Cheyney University. Cheyney University is one of four HBCUs to join the program, which began at South Carolina's Clemson University as a strategy to recruit teachers under the direction of Dr. Roy Jones.

Call Me MISTER is a teacher leadership program that provides the participants, who are entitled "MISTER Scholars", with the tools necessary to succeed as pre-service teachers. With the preparation and support from the Call Me MISTER program, our students will go on to pursue successful careers in the elementary schools of Pennsylvania. The program provides undergraduate and graduate level scholarships, which include; full tuition, text books, stipends, laptops, workshops and Praxis Preparation. The program also provides packages for the MISTER Scholars to attend national, regional and local educational conferences that will enhance their knowledge, network and skills within the field of education.

*Call Me MISTER: Becoming the unconventional teacher for the non-traditional classroom*