CALL ME MISTER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Call Me Mister held its Leadership Institute July 23-26, 2023 at Clemson University. Students and site coordinators from every participating institution got together to hear from guest speakers, network with one another, and learn valuable lessons about the part they’ll play as change agents in education.

Mr. Tyheece Buchanan
Johnston, South Carolina
Freshman
Early Childhood

Mr. Joseph Green
Sumter, South Carolina
Junior
Elementary Education

Mr. John Frinks
Florence, South Carolina
Graduate
Elementary Education

Mr. Quinton Dawkins
Greenville, South Carolina
Sophomore
Elementary Education

Mr. Jaheim Holmes
Georgetown, South Carolina
Freshman
Early Childhood

Dr. Cornelius Leach
Call Me Mister, Advisor
Morris College
Life 2, along with Call Me Mister, held a Recruitment and Professional Development Retreat in Greenville, South Carolina, July 26-28, 2023. Life 2 provides opportunities to support the development of young men and prepares them to be exemplary educators who go on to make a significant impact in the workforce. A few snapshots from the retreat are provided below.
The Call Me MISTER Summer Leadership Institute has become a key piece of the Call Me Mister program experience for students over the years. Students and site coordinators from every participating institution came together to hear guest speakers, network with one another and discuss key issues that affect African American students in education.

The investiture ceremony takes place during the institute, where graduating MISTERs receive their signature black blazer. The significance is beyond an article of clothing. It is a major milestone. It is the peak of a mountain ascended before a MISTER moves on to fulfill their commitment to teach in the public school. Morris College’s very own Mr. John Frinks received his blazer during this year’s investiture ceremony.

Call Me MISTER works to increase the pool of available teachers from more diverse backgrounds, particularly among the lowest-performing elementary schools. What started as a single program at Clemson University is now at twenty-five participating institutions in nine states.