



Memo

Date: May 25, 2007
To: Distribution List
Cc: Roy I. Jones, CMM Director
From: Winston E. Holton, CMM Field Coordinator
RE: E-Mail Hoax

To Whom It May Concern:

It has been brought to our attention that an erroneous e-mail, rife with inaccuracies and misinformation about the Call Me MISTER Program, is making its way around the country. Said e-mail makes such false claims as "South Carolina HBCUs offer FREE TUITION" and our program is for "African American MALES ONLY", neither of which is true. While we do offer tuition assistance and book support, plus a small stipend to defray other associated costs of attending college, we DO NOT now offer, nor have we ever offered, a full scholarship. All funding that CMM participants receive, as of Fall 2007, is given in the form of loan forgiveness—meaning that participants who complete their education degrees, receive their teaching credentials, and secure a position on the faculty of a South Carolina elementary school will have a certain percentage of their CMM debt forgiven for each year of credible service rendered. Based on available funding, we are providing a total assistance package of approximately \$12,000 for academic year 2007-2008. Also, in compliance with Clemson University policy, as well as federal and state guidelines, the Call Me MISTER program does not discriminate based solely on race or gender. Please visit our web site at www.callmemister.clemson.edu to obtain accurate information about the requirements, policies and procedures for the Call Me MISTER Program. Any specific questions thereafter can be directed to our office:

1-800-640-2647 or 864-656-4646 or mister@clemson.edu

We apologize for any confusion and/or frustration this has caused, but obviously the originating e-mail came from neither our office, nor one of our subsidiaries.

Sincerely,

Winston E. Holton, CMM Field Coordinator