BIG BOLD IDEA

Increase the number of impactful and influential role models for black male students by recruiting and developing black men to be schoolteachers.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Profound Gentlemen strategically recruits, develops, and sustains black male educators who offer a profound additional impact in the lives of students, more specifically young black males. Through a cohort experience, tailored development, and continuing opportunities, Profound Gentlemen shapes black males who redefine the image of urban education. Profound Gentlemen’s end goal is to match the percentage of black male educators to young black boys in urban education while giving them more positive images and opportunities to pursue their purpose.

PERSONAL BIO

Jason Terrell is the co-founder and co-chief executive officer of Profound Gentlemen. Profound Gentlemen provides better opportunities for young black boys by ensuring they have positive role models inside and outside of the classroom. Jason was inspired to pursue this work after spending three years as a teacher as a Teach For America Corps Member. In addition to teaching, Jason served as a mentor, athletic coach, and tutor for students in his school and is deeply invested in their pursuit of academic and personal success. Jason is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University School of Education and has devoted his life to ensuring that young black boys have every opportunity to pursue their endeavors.