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**JP Morgan Chase and Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers  
Launch Male Teacher of Color Initiative in Rochester City at the  
Leadership Academy for Young Men!**



**Rochester City, NY, February 16, 2012** – Citing the lack of sufficient male teachers and role models, “less than 2% of 5 million teachers hired nationally are African- American males,” Dr. Bettye H. Perkins, CEO and Founder of Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers announced the launch of an initiative to increase the number of highly effective, male teachers of color, with Mr. E. Malcolm Wolcott, President of J P

Morgan Chase Bank, Upstate New York on February 16, 2012.

<http://rochester.ynn.com/content/574048/male-teachers-of-color-initiative/>

JP Morgan Chase has provided the TSTT program a grant in 2012 totaling \$170,000 in part to help ensure the career development program can provide four years of support to 10 students currently in 9<sup>th</sup> grade at the Leadership Academy of Young Men in addition to students already in the program at the Eagle Academy for Young Men in the Bronx and 50 students attending high schools in Bridgeport, CT Public Schools. TSTT mentors, trains and prepares these students for college, hopefully at one of their 23 partnering colleges, which agree to offer tuition scholarships of 50%. The goal of course, is to ultimately to become certified teachers and inspire greater educational achievements among disadvantaged students in their community.

In addition, Beth Mascitti-Miller, the Rochester City School District Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Maurice Snipes, Director for Human Resources and LeAndrew Wingo, Assistant Principal for the Leadership Academy of



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Young Men pledged their support for the program to help close the achievement gap and increase the number teachers to more closely resemble the student population in Rochester City. The JPMorgan Chase Foundation continues its support of Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers initiatives to increase the number of highly effective teachers of color in New York,

Connecticut, Virginia, and Massachusetts. TSTT recruits mentors and trains 600 culturally diverse and economically challenged students in four states from 48 high schools through college. Since 1994, TSTT alumni have included more than 100 teachers who are now working as educators and leaders in their communities.

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