

# Dr. Mari Ann Callais

## Introduction

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Dr. Mari Ann Callais has worked in some areas of higher education for more than 25 years. She has served as an assistant professor at Mississippi State University, a student affairs professional at Southeastern Louisiana University, worked in corporate off-campus student housing, and now serves as the Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives for Delta Delta Delta Fraternity and as a speaker for The ForCollegeForLife Speaking Agency. Mari Ann is a Past National President of her sorority Theta Phi Alpha.

Mari Ann has presented hundreds of workshops and keynotes for professionals and students on values, leadership women's development, belonging, building community, and strategic planning. Mari Ann holds an undergraduate degree in Political Science from Loyola University New Orleans, a Master of Education, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership and Research from Louisiana State University.

She has been recognized with many awards throughout her years and serves on the Girl Scouts Louisiana East Executive Committee. Most importantly, Dr. Mari Ann, or “Dr. MAC” as she is known in many circles, believes in the power of community, understands the power of belonging, and believes all humans have the right to succeed and be treated with respect.