

# INTRODUCTION

## **DR. MARI ANN CALLAIS**

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My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am (leadership position or organization), and it’s my pleasure to welcome you.

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Our speaker tonight is Dr. Mari Ann Callais. Mari Ann has worked in higher education for almost two decades, and most recently served as an Assistant Professor and Student Affairs Program Coordinator at Mississippi State University. Professionally, she is the Fraternity/Sorority Housing Specialist and the Senior Vice President for Marketing and Leasing—Cottage Division for Capstone Development.

She serves in numerous volunteer positions including as a member of the Tri-Delta National Center Board and for her sorority, Theta Phi Alpha. She has presented more than 450 workshops on fraternity and sorority leadership, team building and values.

Mari Ann holds an undergraduate degree in Political Science from Loyola University—New Orleans; and a Masters of Education and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Research from Louisiana State University. She has been presented several awards through the years, which include the Sigma Sigma Sigma Greek Advisor of the Year, Theta Chi Outstanding Greek Affairs Professional Award and she has received the Southeastern Interfraternity Conference Advisor of the Year Award twice. She was recently awarded the Association of Fraternity Advisors Distinguished Service Award and the highest award that Theta Phi Alpha bestows on a member called the Guard of Honor.

Please join me in welcoming, Dr. Mari Ann Callais.