Mari Fuentes-Martin, Ed.D.

Dr. Fuentes-Martin joined the LSU staff on August 24, 2015, and serves as the Associate Vice President and Dean of Students. As the official second-in-command to the Vice President for Student Affairs, she is the chief administrator for the Office of the Dean of Students, which advises Student Government and oversees the departments of Campus Life, Disability Services, Greek Life, and Student Advocacy & Accountability.

Fuentes-Martin received Bachelor’s degrees in History and Business Administration and a Master’s degree in not-for-profit administration, both from the University of Notre Dame, and received a Doctorate of Education from Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

Prior to LSU, Fuentes-Martin held positions at the University of Texas-Pan American, as Associate Vice President and Dean of Students from 2013-15; and Associate Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley from 2014-15. She has also held positions at the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College, as Dean of Students from 2000-04 and Associate Vice President and Dean of Students from 2004-13; Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, as Assistant/Associate Dean of Students from 1994-2000; and the University of Notre Dame, Assistant Director in the Office of Multicultural Affairs from 1991-94, Assistant Director of Alumni Clubs from 1990-91 and Minority Student Recruiter from 1986-89.

During her career, Fuentes-Martin has received a number of awards and profession development recognitions including Women’s Leadership Institute Spelman and Johnson Group Scholarship, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities Kellogg MMI Fellowship, Leadership Texas Class of 2005, Student Affairs Going the Extra Mile Award and the Women’s Center for Education and Service at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Pioneer Award, among others.

Fuentes-Martin is also the proud mother of three sons: Jacob and Zachary (21) are identical twins and attend Texas A&M University majoring in Sports Management and Accounting, respectively, and her youngest son Michael (17) is a sophomore in high school. She and her husband Randy have been married for 22 years. Randy is an LSU police officer.

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