



Pathways to a Multi-Million Dollar Business



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Dr. Callery is an entrepreneur and higher education educator. For the past eleven (11) years, Dr. Callery has worked directly with the start-up and emerging business communities at a national level. Dr. Callery has held the roles as facilitator and trainer for two (2) nationally recognized small business growth programs, the US Small Business Administration's Streetwise MBA Program in Chicago and the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program. His company, Sagasse Lumiere, a small business coaching and consulting firm, was established nine years ago to complement the work he was doing in these programs. To date, Dr. Callery has advised over one thousand small business founders.

Dr. Callery, as a coach and consultant, works with small business owners on approaches to effectively build value by deploying new business practices and processes to improve financial performance and operational efficiency.

Prior to working with small business owners as a business coach, Dr. Callery worked for several Fortune 1000 companies such as Dow/Dupont, First National Bank of Chicago, Pepsi, United Airlines, and IBM. Areas of employment included engineering, financial services, business development, financial planning and budgeting, and organizational change management, respectively. His broad industry experience has prepared him to be a capable business consultant. Since leaving the corporate arena, he has become a trusted advisor for many small business founders. As a higher education educator, he has served as an Associate Dean for workforce development programs and currently works as a tenured faculty member for Harold Washington College, one of the City Colleges of Chicago.

Dr. Callery has earned a Bachelor's in Chemical Engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology; a Master of Business Administration from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; and a Doctorate in Higher Education from National Louis University, Chicago.