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Dr. Marlene Ballejos Appointed to National Leadership Position as the AAMC Committee on Student Diversity Affairs liaison to the Group on Student Affairs Committee on Admissions

Dr. Marlene Ballejos, PhD, an expert in holistic admissions in medical schools and a passionate student admissions, diversity, and inclusion advocate, has been appointed to a 3-year term as the AAMC Group on Student Affairs (GSA) Committee on Student Diversity Affairs liaison to the Committee on Admissions. This national leadership position provides guidance on national policy and procedural issues regarding the admission of students to medical school and issues relating to the medical student diversity on a local, regional and national basis with respect to student recruitment, admissions enrollment, retention and graduation. The leadership role will include addressing issues of national importance and interest and establishing strategic guidance for special projects.

As the Assistant Dean for the School of Medicine Office of Admissions, Dr. Ballejos has been at the forefront of leading the admissions efforts to recruit, enroll, graduate, support, and retain a diverse group of students coming from New Mexico who are interested in helping to improve the health care needs of the state. She has worked on many innovative efforts to promote diversity throughout the state of New Mexico and within the American Indian/Alaska Native communities to create opportunities to address the physician workforce supply. Dr. Ballejos is an Assistant Professor of Family & Community Medicine.