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Dr. Marlene Ballejos is an Assistant Professor with the Department of Family and Community Medicine, and is the Assistant Dean for Admissions at the UNM School of Medicine. She serves as the Diversity Affairs Officer for the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Group on Student Affairs, and as the Co-Chair for the SOM Committee on Admissions. She also serves as a facilitator for the AAMC Holistic Review Project and travels to various medical schools throughout the country to facilitate workshops on how to utilize holistic review admissions practices to enhance student body diversity as a means of achieving mission-based excellence.

As a native New Mexican, Dr. Ballejos worked to complete all of her education in her home state by earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the College of Santa Fe, as well as a Master of Public Administration and a Doctorate of Educational Psychology from the University of New Mexico.

Her professional interests include serving diverse populations, education, community based research related to educational and health care disparities, workforce training, and issues related to underrepresented minorities.

Dr. Ballejos believes that diversity is the driver for institutional excellence and will focus future research endeavors on understanding diversity and cultural competence issues, and the outcomes they have on the education and health of our communities and society.