

Hilda Mejia Abreu, Associate Dean at Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine

H. Mejia Abreu, Ph.D., who is associate dean, provides leadership for the Offices of Admissions, Student Life, and Inclusivity at Michigan State University (MSU) College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM). Dr. Mejia Abreu received her baccalaureate and Master of Public Policy from University of Massachusetts. She received her PhD from Michigan State University College of Education. Since 1993, Dr. Mejia Abreu has implemented programs that prepare disadvantaged students to reach their career objectives. She sets program objectives, develops public relations material, approves participant qualifications, provides for component evaluation, oversees preparation of reports for various agencies, and in consultation with the dean and the College's Admissions, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committees. The associate dean also acts as the liaison to feeder institutions. Uniquely qualified, her background is rooted in the social sciences, organizational management, higher education administration, and public policy. She serves nationally as an inclusive leadership consultant and serves on the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) Committees on Diversity and Admissions. Dr. Mejia Abreu is responsible for directing the college's diversity and inclusion activities; she synthesizes a total college effort with interdigitating levels.

Dr. Mejia Abreu is a member of the National Association of Medical Minority Educators, past Chair of the AAVMC Admissions and Recruitment Committee, and past president of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) Hispanic Caucus. Dr. Mejia Abreu is an immigrant from the Dominican Republic and Spanish is her first language. She is a product of a public university system in Boston. Her experience as a new immigrant in Boston prepared her to understand issues related to disadvantage student academic achievement, social justice, and inclusivity. Dr. Mejia Abreu, in consultation with the Dean, carries final responsibility for the program and she has over 20 years of experience in higher education.