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**Molly Tovar** is associate vice provost for Student Affairs at the Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Dr. Tovar received her B.s. in Vocational Rehabilitation from the University of Wisconsin-Stout, her MAT degree from Oklahoma City University and her Doctorate in Higher Education Administration from Oklahoma State University.

Of Comanche descent and Hispanic, Tovar is a recognized leader in minority issues and a key author of the nationally recognized and award-winning "Comprehensive Plan of Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education." The plan was the sole recipient of the Council of Graduate Schools Peterson's Award for the development of innovative programs that enhance the recruitment and retention of minority students.

Dr. Tovar serves on both national and regional committees devoted to the continual enhancement of minority issues. In Oklahoma, she serves as vice chair on the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Minority Teacher Recruitment committee, a committee dedicated to the recruitment, retaining and placing of minority students in the public schools. Nationally, Dr. Tovar is a member of the Council of Graduate Schools Advisory Committee on Minorities in Graduate Education.

Dr. Tovar has received many awards for her deep commitment to the recruitment and retention of minorities. Among other acknowledgements, she is a recipient of the Outstanding Native American Leadership Award in Oklahoma, is a Holmes Scholar and a National Hispanic Scholar.