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Gilda G. Gely is a dedicated leader who throughout her career has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to advancing diversity and organizational change. As Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs at Grand Rapids Community College, she serves as a champion for women's issues, social justice and gender equity.

A native of Puerto Rico, Dr. Gely earned a doctorate in Spanish from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1993. In addition, she received a master's degree in Spanish Language and Literature from the Middlebury College-Madrid in 1990, and a bachelor's degree in radio and TV as well as Spanish from Kansas State University in 1986.

http://www.miacenetwork.org/components/com_jce/editor/tiny_mce/plugins/article/img/readmore.png); background-position: 50% 50%; background-repeat: no-repeat no-repeat; ">Dr. Gely previously served as the Vice Chancellor for Universidad del Este, formerly known as Colegio Universitrio del Este. She also served as an academic dean at the University of Puerto Rico at Humacao, as well as held the role of professor throughout her career.

Soon after appointment at Grand Rapids Community College in 2007, Dr. Gely helped create the college's Leadership Institute. She was actively engaged as a mentor in the first cohort at the institute, which is focused on strengthening leadership capacity across a broader range of multicultural perspectives in work within the college and throughout the greater community.

In addition to her service at the college, Dr. Gely shares her insights as a member of the Literacy Council West Michigan Board of Directors and the World Affairs Council Board.