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Dr. Rachel McBride-Montesdeoca is an accomplished community leader and dedicated Bi-cultural educator based in Abilene, Texas. She currently serves as the Director of the STEM Student Success Center (S3C) at McMurry University. With a passion for empowering others, she has committed her career to fostering inclusive environments and supporting students from underrepresented communities. Her efforts reflect a deep commitment to her faith and to the well-being of her community.

She currently serves on the Diversity Committee and Co-Chairs the BIPOC Committee at McMurry University. Her current professional interests include proactive advising, the design of inclusive learning environments, holistic academic coaching, and strategies for increasing student resiliency in educational settings.

Dr. Montesdeoca received her B.A. (Human Development and Family Studies) degree from Abilene Christian University. She earned her M.S. (Development and Family Studies) and Ed.D. (Early Childhood Education) from the University of North Texas.

