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Dr. Brenezza "Breny" DaParre Garcia is the Associate Vice President for Student Health & Wellness for Florida International University (FIU). In this role, Dr. Garcia provides leadership over key areas of Dean of Students, Counseling & Psychological Services, Health Promotion Services, Victim Empowerment Program, and Student Conduct & Academic Integrity. She works across academic and student affairs, and collaboratively with units across campus, to support the university's strategic goals related to building and supporting a culture of healthy living, promoting mental health initiatives across the university, and representing the university at the state level on such matters.

Believing that "a woman who serves is a woman who leads," Dr. Garcia is highly involved within her community. At FIU, she has taught courses for the Honors College and Higher Education graduate program, and served as a mentor for various leadership programs. Within our community, she serves on the Board of Directors for Janelle's Wishing Well Foundation and is a graduate from Leadership Florida's Connect Class 10. Internationally, Dr. Garcia is currently serving a second term as a Grand Vice Archon on the governing board for Phi Sigma Sigma, Inc.

Dr. Garcia earned a B.A. in Political Science from FIU in 2005 as a graduate of the Honors College. She also earned an M.S. in Higher Education with a specialty in leadership management in 2007, and an Ed.D. in Higher Education with a research concentration in crisis leadership in 2015. Dr. Garcia also holds a certificate in "Crisis Leadership in Higher Education" from the Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education program.

She resides in Miami Lakes, FL with her husband, Charlie, and daughter, Olivia.