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Mary Tolar serves as director of the Staley School of Leadership Studies at Kansas State University, working with faculty and staff to provide learning experiences aligned with the mission of “developing knowledgeable, ethical, caring, inclusive leaders for a diverse and changing world.”

Leadership experiences that are flexible enough to adapt to changing circumstances, she says, will be key to meeting the social, political and other challenges ahead.

For the past 18 months, Tolar stepped in as Interim Vice Provost for Student Success at K-State, providing leadership and support to recently restructured units and teams focused on the work of retention and progression of all students. In that role, she served as a member of the Provost's leadership