

Liz Cobb McCraw  
Vice President for Student Affairs  
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Throughout her 32 years in higher education, Liz Cobb McCraw has demonstrated a commitment to serving the students of southeastern Oklahoma.

She began her career at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant in 1991 as a student activities coordinator, but because of her performance and dedication, she received increasing levels of responsibility for Student Affairs.

She was promoted to director of Student Life in 1995, assistant dean of students in 1997, associate dean of students in 1998, Dean of Students in 2000 and dean of **enrollment** in 2008. McCraw now serves as the Vice President for Student Affairs of Student Affairs for Southeastern Oklahoma State University, a position which requires her to provide direction, leadership and management for all student **engagement** activities at the university.

In addition to developing meaningful student programming and activities, McCraw played a key role in significant building projects on Southeastern's campus. As dean of students, she worked to reorganize the residential community from a business model housing 380 students to a comprehensive residential living environment with more than 700 students in new or newly renovated residence halls.

Additionally, McCraw **was part of the team that** designed and managed construction for the Glen D. Johnson Student Union on campus, a \$12 million project that included designing the 60,000-square-foot space to create a sense of community and campus engagement and to allow for future growth of the Student Life programs.

College access is one of her passions and that commitment is evident in the growth of the TRIO grant programs on her campus which include five Upward Bound programs, 2 Student Support Service Programs, and the Educational Opportunity Center, Talent Search and McNair Scholars Program.

McCraw has been involved in several community organizations and initiatives, including the Durant Family Medicine board of directors, the Durant Main Street board of directors and the Planning Committee for Colton's Main Street Run. She is a member of the G.F.W.C Fortnightly Club of Durant and Chapter DJ of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. McCraw has served on the boards of the Oklahoma Shakespearan Festival, the Miss Southeastern Oklahoma Scholarship Pageant, and was a founding member of the Magnolia Festival of Durant.

McCraw received her Bachelor's in Business Administration and her Master's in Administrative Studies from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. She is a graduate of Leadership Durant and the Educator's Leadership Academy in addition to the Institute for Educational Management and the Institute of Management and Leadership in Education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. In 2017 she was named one of 50 Women Making a Difference by [The Journal Record](#).

She loves to go on adventures with her family, Dr. Shannon K. McCraw a professor at Southeastern and her daughter, Catie McCraw.

