



**Kimberly McCleod**  
**Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs**

Ms. Kimberly McCleod is an education professional that has spent her professional career in public and higher education. She has served as a teacher, counselor, and administrator in public education, and her leadership experiences in higher education include serving Texas A&M University-Commerce (TAMUC), a regional rural institution in the A&M system, and Texas Southern University (TSU), a historically black urban university in Houston.

She previously served as the associate vice president for Economic and Academic Development for TAMUC, fostering strong external relations by serving as the liaison to local and regional community stakeholders. She represented the university in regional and statewide efforts to address educational and workforce issues facing the State of Texas, particularly for underrepresented groups and post-secondary credentials of value. She also served as the dean and chief academic officer of TAMUC's College of Education and Human Services, overseeing a

14-million-dollar budget with 5,645 students, 116 faculty, eight departments, 30 undergraduate and 36 graduate academic programs, 15 academic certificates, and four nationally accredited programs across six sites in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex. Her previous experiences in executive administration include serving as director of a Teaching and Learning Excellence Center (faculty professional development), dean of a multidisciplinary university satellite campus (Northwest Houston) and, simultaneously, executive director of Academic Affairs and Instruction.

She also served as the facilitator for the Texas A&M System affinity group of 11 We Teach Texas education deans. McCleod is the immediate past president of the Texas Alliance of Black School Educators and the founding editor of the nationally peer-reviewed National Journal of Urban Education and has written eight academic books, three children's books, and various articles in peer-reviewed journals. She has been awarded Teacher of the Year by the College of Education at Texas Southern University and was selected as an award recipient of the YMCA minority achiever's award.

McCleod is a doting mom to three boys, Major, Mitchell, and Micah.

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