

## **Tori Murden McClure**

### **Bio**

Tori Murden McClure is the president of Spalding University, in Louisville, Kentucky. Spalding University offers twenty-seven degree programs at the bachelor, master and doctoral level, to more than 2,000 students.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts from Smith College, a Master of Divinity from Harvard University, and her juris doctorate from the University of Louisville's Louis D. Brandeis School of Law. In 2005, she earned her master of fine arts in writing from Spalding University. Her non-fiction book *A Pearl in the Storm* was published by Harper-Collins in 2009.

A passionate world adventurer and humanitarian, Ms. McClure is best known as the first woman and first American to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean. She was also the first woman and first American to travel over land to the geographic South Pole, skiing 750 miles from the ice shelf to the pole. An avid mountaineer, Ms. McClure has climbed on several continents. She is a fully certified emergency medical technician in both urban and wilderness areas, and is a graduate of the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) where she currently serves as the chair of the board of trustees.

While Ms. McClure became the twenty-eighth president of Spalding University in July 2010, she was no stranger to the institution as she is a graduate of the MFA in Writing program and a former administrator. From 2004 through 2009 she served as the vice president of external relations, enrollment management and student affairs.

A long time resident of Louisville, Ms. McClure has served in a variety of other professional capacities prior to arriving at Spalding University. She remains involved in a variety of community leadership positions and serves on several boards of directors.

Tori Murden McClure is passionate about the transforming power of education and inspires individuals, and particularly students at Spalding, to seek greatness through learning and to use their talents and skills to contribute to their own communities.