

# First lady connects with community through photography

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Mother. Wife. First Lady. Photographer. Coordinator of Children's Ministry. And friend.

Trish Andrews and her husband Brad, along with their daughters, Gwendolyn and Madeline, moved to Winfield last summer.

In the months since July, Trish has become part of the community by meeting people through her children, her church and her photography.

Julie Lashier, chaplain at Cumbernauld Village, said she remembered what it was like when her family moved to Winfield and how difficult the adjustment was.

Once she heard Andrews' daughters were the same age as her own, she reached out and they became fast friends. "I think Trish is a very passionate person but she also has a very fun sense of humor," said Lashier. "She is just so well informed on a lot of different things and she grows passionate about them quite easily and I am a passionate person as well so I really like that about her."

Trish was recently hired as the coordinator of children's ministries at Grace United Methodist Church. The position builds a bridge between the church and the college.

Lora Andrews, pastor at Grace United Methodist Church, said "Trish is fun! She is great and has a great sense of humor paired with this beautiful ability to do

good work."

"She helps look at curriculum for Sunday school and looks at the overall vision for what is happening with the children at Grace," said Lora Andrews.

Lora Andrews also said that Trish brings a lot to the table and always has informative and well-formed questions to help the church continue to grow.

"What I really like about what she does is that she is always thinking about 'how could we do this better?' and she does that thinking theologically," said Lora Andrews.

Trish continues to widen her community of friends as she created her photography exhibit that is part of the presidential inauguration celebration.

"The cool thing about this is that I have actually come to know a community of artists within Winfield," said Trish.

Trish has always liked doing photography and took photography classes at the community college where she worked in Illinois before moving to Winfield.

"I have always been passionate about photos," said Trish. "But it was pretty much just something I did for myself."

An opening reception for the exhibit will be at noon April 15 in Deets Library. The collection of photographs is called "Quiet: A Rural Landscape at Rest."

In the artist's statement for the exhibit, she wrote, "Moving to a new place is inherently a pause between past and future; a time



(Hanna House/Collegian photographer)

Trish Andrews and her daughters, Gwendolyn and Madeline, enjoy time outside together this spring. Andrews is the wife of Brad Andrews, president.

of quiet reflection on where you have been as you set your sights on the future.

"These photographs are a visual reflection of my discovery and wonder as I have experienced my new home," said Trish.

Her roles in Winfield are different than those in the early part of her career. Trish worked in residence life for five years and loved it, but decided she wanted to see what a different atmosphere would be like.

She ended up at a community college near Chicago that served students of various backgrounds.

She served as the director of academic advising and worked with many veterans because the college was right by a naval base.

"I worked with people who had traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder and students from some of the wealthiest counties in the country and some of the poorest counties in the country and all kinds of different racial diversity," said Trish. "So it was a great learning experience."

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of his colleagues. Becky Mangus, executive assistant to the president, said that is probably because he is a caring and family-oriented, but that he also has a great sense of humor.

"Generally, we have a few chuckles throughout the day," said Mangus.

With Sheppard's resignation, Andrews has named Tracy Frederick, professor of communication, to act as the interim provost for two years.

President Andrews said that he has already made memories with faculty, staff and students, and has come to understand why people love Southwestern.

One of his favorite places on campus is on the home side in Jantz stadium looking out east and seeing

The Andrews' passion for "holistic education" led them to Southwestern College.

Trish has big dreams. "At some point in time, it is my hope that the first lady role allows me to contribute to the college in a way that the college needs and is appropriate," said Trish.

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lights flicker in the distance while the bright lights of the stadium shine in the foreground. Because with this view, Andrews said he can just see why this place draws people from near and far.

"This is the colleges 131st year, and there have been 18 presidents before me and there will be dozens of presidents after me, so my view of my role is that I am the caretaker of the Presidency," said Andrews. "So when my time here is done, and I hand off the college to another president, I hope people will say that President Andrews loved Southwestern, and he left it in better shape than when he first stepped foot on campus."

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