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## **Shauna Ponders Named Executive Director at The King's Daughters' School**

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Shauna J. Ponders has been named the new Executive Director of The King's Daughters' School by the school's board of directors, effective January 1, 2020. Ponders has been with the school more than 17 years, serving first as Director of Development and then, for the last 13 years, as Assistant Executive Director. Prior to that, she was an English instructor at The University of Tennessee.

"I am excited about the future of The King's Daughters' School under Shauna's leadership," says outgoing Executive Director David Craig. "It has been a joy to work together, and I know the school will prosper with Shauna's experience and leadership skills."

After graduating from Columbia Central High School, Shauna received a Bachelor's degree from Lambuth University, where she earned numerous awards, and she received a Master's degree from The University of Tennessee where she was named to Phi Kappa Phi honorary academic society.

Shauna is an active member of the Columbia First United Methodist Church. She serves on the Governor's Community Services Statewide Board of Directors, the City of Columbia Board of Public Utilities, and the Columbia Counseling Ministries Board of Directors. She is active in Maury County Chamber and Economic Alliance where she has served in several leadership roles. Her children attend Maury County public schools, where she is active in parent organizations. She is a member of the Columbia Noon Rotary Club, where she was named a Paul Harris Fellow.

As Shauna Ponders assumes the position of Executive Director, David Craig will continue with the school in the role of Clinical Director overseeing therapies and case management. "The King's Daughters' School has flourished under Dr. Craig's leadership, and we are indebted to him for his dedicated services," Shauna said of his tenure as Executive Director. "We look forward to his expertise in these clinical areas, which will allow us to provide even more specialized services for our students. It is a privilege to continue the work that he so ably led, and to serve alongside our visionary Board of Directors, as well as our staff, whose passion and dedication are second to none!"

The King's Daughters' School is a nationally recognized residential school that has provided academic, vocational, and life-skills training to students with developmental challenges for more than 60 years.

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