Sullivan College of Technology and Design's (SCTD) new Interior Design department chair has an unusual first name that's a blend of her mother's and father's names. When you introduce yourself to Malandra Gibson, be sure and ask her about the funny story behind it!

Gibson brings a wealth of education and experience to her new role with SCTD. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Interior Design from Western Kentucky University, where she graduated summa cum laude. She now serves on the university’s Interior Design Advisory Board. In addition, she has her NCIDQ certification and she is in the process of renewing her KYCID. She is active with the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) and is a member of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID).

Prior to SCTD, Gibson held several positions in the industry. Formerly, she served as an interior designer for Jackson Interior Design and Furnishing Company out of Blountville, TN. In this environment, she oversaw both residential and commercial customer accounts. She also served as the AutoCAD specialist for other designers, used Photoshop for renderings, and maintained the company's design library. Her supervisor there praised her for her project management skills.

In Louisville, Gibson worked as an interior designer at the Decorating Den and most recently at Huber Décor, Inc. At Huber, she was the manager of design and development and worked with a variety of national accounts within the hotel and restaurant industry.

Given her wealth of experience, Gibson knows how to be an effective member of a team that includes architects, engineers and site supervisors. Her recent experience means she knows current building codes and regulations within which designers must work and has extensive knowledge of industry trends, vendors and current practices.

Gibson is excited to join SCTD and to assume her new duties as program chairperson. She has been on the job for over a week, preparing for the new fall quarter. Her contacts and recent work in the field will be critical to the program’s growth and success over the next few years. Sullivan College of Technology and Design welcomes Malandra Gibson!

Photo Caption: Interior Design Department Chair