After graduating in May, Trostel wants a master’s degree in thanatology—the study of death—to work in a children’s hospital as earning a certificate in death education, focusing on death, dying, and bereavement.

Since she was 16, Trostel has been serving as a children’s grief facilitator at Erin’s House, hosting twice-monthly sessions for youths aged 10-to-13. With a nudge from a Purdue University Fort Wayne student who was interning at Erin’s House, Trostel changed her plans from engineering and became a Mastodon majoring in human services. She’s also minoring in psychology and youth work.

When Libni Trostel tells friends about her professional dreams, some wrinkle their noses, even suggesting she’s morbid.

Trostel says she understands the concern, but some may be-judging her based on a lack of knowledge about the field. Death education and bereavement counseling may be less understood, she says, but she believes that’s changing.

In the future, Trostel hopes to be an意义上的殡仪馆有相应的设施和人员，以及提供必要的服务。
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