



Abby Ungles

Andale High School 2008

Current occupation: Andale Elementary Nurse

What degree(s) have you received since your graduation from Renwick and what schools did you attend?

- B.S.N., R.N. Wichita State University

What do you enjoy the most about your chosen profession?

A career in nursing is limitless and always rewarding. I went into nursing school knowing I would have many career options and be able to find what best suits me. As a nurse, you have the opportunity to choose to work with any age group, a specific illnesses, or in a clinic. And, if you're lucky (*like me*) you just might get the chance to be the school nurse in your hometown. I also love that a career in nursing allows you to work schedule that fits your family routine whether it be day shift, night shift, or a traditional 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Was there a teacher who made a positive impact you or helped direct your path when you were a Renwick student? How did they inspire you?

The most impactful person in my student life at Andale was my track coach in high school, Mark Schmidt. I remember thinking in college, "You don't know what you have till it's gone," and man, I missed Mr. Schmidt in college. He put so much time and effort into each one of his athletes that made us feel so important. He taught us responsibility and showed us what a good work ethic looked like. Most of all, he made being part of a team fun. All of us athletes knew Mark should have been coaching Division I somewhere, but we saw the joy he got from coaching his hometown athletes. I knew I wanted to be a part of that someday.

Advice to current Renwick students preparing for college?

My advice for high school students is that you can still enjoy college and pass all your classes. Treat your schooling like a job and go to class with a hard work ethic. Most importantly, choose what you want to do, not what think you should do or what your friends are doing. You have one life, so make the most out of it. My nursing advice would be to take it easy on all the energy drinks!

What kind of a difference did your time as a student at Renwick make for you?

Being part of Renwick has greatly impacted my life. I earned my education at Andale and now am back to care for the students while they get theirs. However, my biggest win in life was the day I married my fellow Renwick classmate, Ethan Ungles. We both think so highly of the schools that impacted us growing up that we argue about whether our kids will be a Colwich Cardinal like their dad, or an Andale Falcon like their mom. Future AES teachers, prepare yourselves!

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