



## Samantha Robinson

*Andale High School 2008*

Samantha (Martin) Robinson is a Deputy Sheriff and Crisis Negotiator for the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office in Washington state.

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

Bachelor's degree in Criminology (Wichita State University, then had to finish my course online through Fort Hays State University while my husband, Matt, and I lived in Anchorage, Alaska) and an Associate's Degree for Secondary Education (Hutchinson Community College) .

*What do you enjoy the most about your chosen profession?*

There are two things that I love about my profession: Giving victims a voice when they feel like they don't have one; and putting a smile on children's faces. Thankfully, I have nieces and nephews that help keep me current with what kids like. You can find me chatting away about *Paw Patrol* or *Frozen* with kids just to make them laugh.

*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?*

I had several teachers who had a positive impact on me as a student, but Mrs. Eck, my 8th grade teacher, believed in me when I didn't. She told me I would do great things in this world. Mrs. Eck saw something in me and pushed me to never sell myself short or give up. Her words of wisdom still stay with me to this day. Thank you, Mrs. Eck.

I carried Mrs. Eck's advice with me during my pursuit of my career. When I was told by others that I would never be able to do Law Enforcement, I would remember her advice and quell those doubts.

*Any advice you have to offer for current Renwick students as they prepare for their future after high school?*

Work hard for what you want because things don't come easy. If someone doubts you, use this as fuel for your fire.

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

Renwick showed me I wasn't just a number. Teachers pushed me to do better and to challenge myself. I have great memories of the Renwick district and loved growing up in Andale. We are very fortunate to have the staff we do in Andale. My family, faculty and staff helped shape me into the woman that I am today.

Are you — or is someone you know — Renwick Made? Send their story to [anne.maxwell@usd267.com](mailto:anne.maxwell@usd267.com).

