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Andale High School 1989

Current occupation: Actuary at SCOR Global Life Americas, a reinsurance company.

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

- B.S. in Mathematics, Fort Hays State University, 1993
- M.A. in Mathematics, University of Kansas, 1996

What do you enjoy the most about your chosen profession?

Being a consulting actuary for nearly 20 years was the perfect blend of project management, people management, and technical actuarial work. Early in my career (pre-kids) I traveled quite a bit and that was awesome. Moving over to the reinsurance world has allowed me to do the same type of work but with much less stress and a better work/life balance. Every day is a challenge (in a good way).

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 so many exceptional teachers while at Renwick. My grade school teachers Mrs. Moon, Mr. Kerschen and Mr. May were the absolute best as they were passionate about what they were doing, and always challenged me. Of course, my math teachers at the high school, Mrs. Mounts and Mr. "Bear" Schmidt, were great too.

Advice to current Renwick students preparing for college?

Don't be afraid to go beyond your comfort zone and explore different college and career choices. Look beyond the traditional choices of KState/FHSU/WSU and nurse/teacher/accountant. There is nothing wrong with those choices, just explore alternatives before making a decision. Also, just because you choose FHSU/teacher doesn't mean you can't end up KU/actuary.

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

Obviously my time at Renwick helped me develop a love of sports. Seriously, I think the high expectations and the winning tradition of our sports program really brought out the work ethic in all of us student athletes.

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