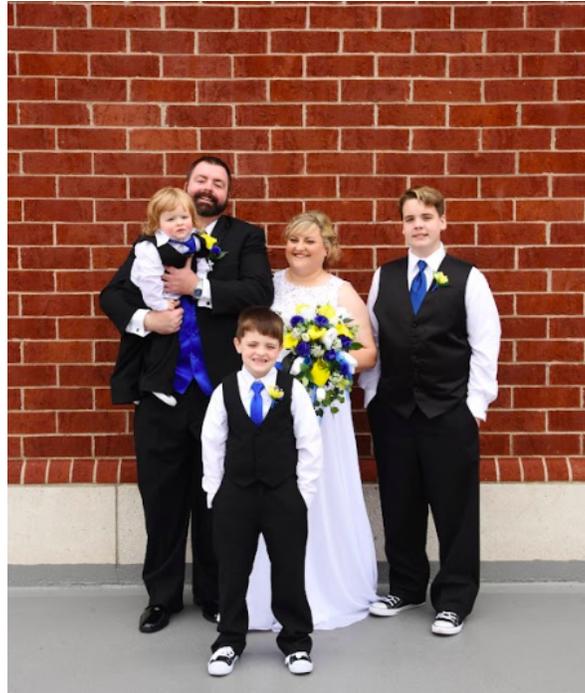


Ed-Co Alumni

Ashley (Melchert) Regan - Class of 2005

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Ashley Melchert, now Ashley Regan, a successful entrepreneur, is doing great things one click of the camera at a time. Ashley currently resides in Dubuque with her husband, Tony, and three children. When asked what she did after high school she said, "I attended college for graphic and web design first until I realized that I didn't want the type of jobs for that around here. I moved to California for about a year. I lived in the heart of Hollywood, residing just off Sunset Blvd and the Walk of Fame. I worked in public relations at a nightclub out there. I realized that wasn't for me - I'm not Hollywood material, so I moved back home. I then went to nursing school, and I did that for quite a few years. I now own my own small business and I'm a photographer." Her favorite part about Ed-Co was, "I always thought Ed-Co was ahead of its time in education. We were always learning things ahead of other schools, and I thought we were very well prepared for life. The teachers were incredible." Ashley's advice current students of Edgewood-Colesburg is to "Enjoy your time in high school. Be yourself no matter what, the real world doesn't care who you were in high school, so just be you. Follow YOUR dreams, not one else's." It took this Viking some time to find her dream career, but she persevered, like a Viking does best! She is a Viking for life!