Ed-Co Alumni Andrea (Tibbott) Friedley - Class of 2008 Written by Addy Kirby



Andrea Friedley, formerly Andrea Tibbott, graduated in the class of 2008. Following high school, she attended Kirkwood Community College entering the Dental Assisting program. She received her associate's degree in 2010 and began her first job in a dental office that same year. Andrea loved her time there, but unfortunately due to the shutdown during Covid, she is no longer in the dental office. Today, Andrea finds herself back in the halls of Ed-Co high school but in a different role as a paraprofessional. Andrea stated, "That unfortunate circumstance turned into a wonderful opportunity doing something I didn't know I would enjoy so much. While I still miss being in the dental office and hope to one day return, I am so fortunate to work with our amazing staff and pretty awesome students." Andrea currently resides in Strawberry Point with her husband and their three children. When asked what her favorite part about Ed-Co was she said, "I loved all things science so I took as many classes with Mr. Millis as I could. While he was arguably the hardest teacher he was and is in my opinion still the best." Her advice to current high school students and graduates is to, "Enjoy your time here and cherish the memories." Andrea showed determination like a Viking does best and did not back down from the obstacles she had to overcome. She is a Viking for Life!