

***It's a tradition.....***

## **FLOODWOOD GRADUATES SUCCEED**



**Ryan Randa**, son of Susan and the late Ronald Randa, graduated from Floodwood High School with the class of 1997. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin Superior, a Master of Science in Criminal Justice and a Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology from the University of Cincinnati.

Ryan knows now, that his decision to pursue a college degree, after graduating from Floodwood High School was one of the best decisions he's made in his life. This decision opened opportunities, bigger than he could have hoped for, enabling him to pursue further education and work in a field he loves. Ryan is currently employed at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas where he is a Professor of Criminal Justice and Criminology. He teaches two courses per semester as well as conducting criminological research and publishing related research works.

Ryan makes his home in Montgomery, Texas where he lives with his wife Danielle.

Ryan's message for the community of Floodwood: Dollars for Scholars is an important community initiative that helps our Floodwood HS graduates pursue higher education. The continued availability of this program will help others believe that college is within reach. Many first generation college students (like myself) need the support and encouragement that even small scholarship awards can afford them. This award shows the student that the community believes in their potential to succeed. In many cases this belief is the difference between just starting a college career, and finishing.