

A LIFE *Transformed* Essay Project



Dewey Steffen Class of 1992

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Dewey's Bio

A student athlete and alumnus of Schoolcraft College Business Administration program, Dewey attributes much of his success to the curriculum and instruction he received at Schoolcraft College. Following graduation, he transferred to University of Michigan Dearborn where he earned his bachelor's degree. Today, Dewey is a Vice President – Investments and the lead Financial Advisor of Steffen & Hartman Wealth Management at UBS Financial Services in Farmington Hills, MI. In addition, he was recently appointed as a Trustee of the Beaumont Health System – a \$1 billion hospital network proudly serving the Metro Detroit area. Dewey lives in Farmington, MI with his wife and three children.



Read Dewey's original essay below.



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Sharing a Story

I am so excited and proud to share with you how Schoolcraft College has transformed my life. I began attending Schoolcraft College as a student athlete in the fall of 1989. I have so many fond memories from both in and out of the classroom during my days as a Schoolcraft College student. I count these years as some of the most important years of my life. In the classroom, the curriculum I took and the instruction I received not only helped me earn my degree, but helped prepare me for the real world and the career I now have. I've succeeded today, in part, thanks to the challenges levied by my fantastic Schoolcraft College instructors. Outside of the classroom, I was honored to represent SC for ten years as a member of the Men's Golf Team and was named co-captain for the 1991 season. The camaraderie and competition, again, pushed me and challenged me to excel. On the golf course, I was not only representing myself, but my teammates and all of Schoolcraft College. This environment parallels much of the real world for me today where I am always representing not only myself, but my family and employer, too. My years as both a student and an athlete were instrumental in molding me into whom I am today, and I am so thankful to have had my life transformed at Schoolcraft College.

But, there is more to this story. After graduating from Schoolcraft College, I transferred to (and graduated from) the University of Michigan – Dearborn. I am very proud to say that Schoolcraft College not only prepared me for, but helped me succeed at UM-D. I not only became an officer in the Economics Club, but I actually founded and was the first president of UM-D's Students Against Drunk Driving organization. Upon graduation, I began my career as an investment advisor. Soon thereafter, in

2000, Schoolcraft College re-entered my life and transformed it, yet again. I was asked by the administration to return to Schoolcraft College and serve on the Board of Governors for the Schoolcraft College Foundation. I proudly served for three years, including serving as chair of the Finance Committee in 2001-2002. This was an exciting time at SC, as ground was broken for the VistaTech Center, plans were being developed for the Biomedical Technology Center, and scholarship applications were at an all-time high. I learned so much about many, many things as a board member of the Schoolcraft College Foundation. The knowledge I gained and relationships which have been cultivated will stay with me forever.

I have been truly blessed to have Schoolcraft College impact my life in so many ways. From fellow students, faculty, administration, and even the community, it has absolutely and permanently changed my life. I have learned to always challenge myself and strive to succeed. I have been shown, too, that giving back is an important part of life. Today, I am a Vice President – Investments and the lead Financial Advisor of Steffen & Hartman Wealth Management at UBS Financial Services in Farmington Hills, Michigan. Among my many roles in the community today, I recently was appointed as a Trustee of the Beaumont Health System, a \$1 billion hospital network proudly serving the Metro Detroit area. I am married, have three beautiful children (future Ocelots?) and we reside in Farmington, Michigan. Thank you, Schoolcraft College, for believing in me, teaching me, and inspiring me... you have transformed my life evermore!

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