

# A LIFE *Transformed* Essay Project



## Dr. Gary Gabel Class of 1968

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Schoolcraft gave me new possibilities. I learned to dream.  
Thanks for being the catalyst for this soaring soul."*

### Gary's Bio

After graduating Schoolcraft College, Gary went on to receive a Bachelor's degree from University of Michigan, a Master's degree from University of Detroit Mercy and a Doctorate degree from George Washington University. Now semi-retired, the former entrepreneur and self help author mentors and gives speaking engagements. Gary praises Schoolcraft College for investing in him as student and opening the door of possibility. He also currently serves on the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board. Gary lives in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan with his wife Lisa.



Read Gary's original essay below.



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## A Soaring Human Soul

When I first walked in the doors of Schoolcraft in 1967, I was a small-minded person. Life was a boxed-in existence with very few options and many, many aspects of life that were unattainable. Not because they really were. Just because of me.

Schoolcraft opened my eyes. A number of my professors were dreamers. They were striving themselves to achieve a greater potential, while at the same time investing deeply in me as a student. I began to see possibilities. These possibilities created great angst. But, then I began dreaming.

When I walked out of the doors of Schoolcraft in 1969, I walked out into a different world than the one that existed for me in 1967. Instead of a world of scarcity, it was now a world of potential abundance.

The human soul can soar when given the opportunity. Schoolcraft College has and can continue to be its catalyst.

*Dr. Gary Gabel – Class of 1968*