

# A LIFE *Transformed* Essay Project



## Dr. Sherie Williams Class of 1987

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*Grand Valley State University. I owe a debt to Schoolcraft for ... giving me the beginnings of a life-long pursuit of education that has served myself and my family well"*

## Sherie's Bio

An alumna of Schoolcraft College's Educational Transfer program, Sherie credits Schoolcraft College with providing her not only an excellent education, but the confidence to embark on a life-long pursuit of education. She went on to earn both her Master's degree and Doctorate degree. Today, she is employed as an Associate Professor at Grand Valley State University. Sherie lives in Augusta, Michigan with her husband.



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## Mashed or Baked

Mashed or baked. Essentially, the most important words ever spoken to me were uttered at Schoolcraft College while making my way through the lunch line. You see, that question was posed to me by a handsome culinary arts student, more than years ago. He was a student of Chef Benson's in the culinary arts program and I was preparing to become a teacher. Both he and I were experiencing our first taste of "college" life as non-traditional students and struggling to find our place in the world of academia.

Well, since that fateful day we have both had our share of successes stemming from our Schoolcraft experience. The first success comes by way of recently celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. You see, that handsome culinary student became my husband and life partner. Additionally, we both completed our programs at Schoolcraft and continued on to earn our bachelor's degrees at Eastern Michigan University. My husband is now the administrative director of Job Corps of Grand Rapids, Michigan. And I, well, I gained enough confidence and encouragement from the instructors at Schoolcraft that I continued with school and now am known as "Dr. Williams" to my students at Grand Valley State University after earning both master's and doctorate degrees. So as you can see, I owe a debt to Schoolcraft for not only guiding me to my husband, but giving me the beginnings of a life-long pursuit of education that has served myself and my family well.

*Dr. Sherie Williams, Class of 1987*