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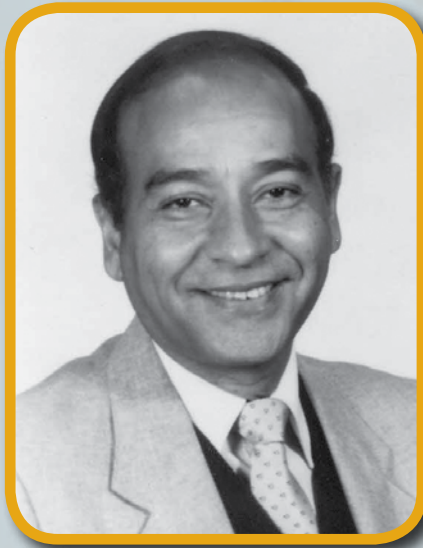
Morad Fawsey Class of 1980

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Morad's Bio

An alumnus of Schoolcraft College Automotive Technology program, Morad, an Egyptian citizen, returned to Egypt following graduation. While in Egypt, he worked directly for his Royal Highness, Prince Mogren of Saudi Arabia, acting as the Director of the Service Center Development Project for the Egyptian Ministry of Agriculture. Morad eventually returned to the US, and in 1988 became an Automotive Technology instructor at the Lincoln Technical Institute in Landover, Maryland; where during his 20 year tenure he taught over 5000 students and received many professional commendations. Morad attributes much of his success to his excellent Schoolcraft College instructors. Retired, Morad now lives in Falls Church, Virginia.



Read Morad's original essay below.



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Memories

It is hard for me to write all the memories that I have of Schoolcraft College. Schoolcraft College not only changed my life, it changed my career as well. Emigrating from Egypt and adjusting to student life wasn't easy for me. It was not only a different language but a whole new way of life for me.

One of the incidents that affected my new life in Schoolcraft College was in a fuel systems class with professor James Taylor. When I asked a simple question that I should have asked two weeks earlier, several students taunted me about my ignorance for not knowing the answer to the simple question. Professor Taylor pointed at the students that had laughed at me and asked them to answer my question one at a time. Unfortunately, none of them knew the answer. Then he continued saying, "Well, is anyone going to answer Mr. Fawzy?" Once again, none of the students could answer. Professor Taylor concluded, "You see, Mr. Fawzy, none of them knew the answer. You should continue asking questions because there's no stupid question." This incident gave me faith in myself and showed me that nothing should discourage me. By the end of this class, I felt that I was expert in fuel systems because of the knowledge I was given by Professor Taylor.

Another incident that I experienced at Schoolcraft College was while I was attending shop class with Professor Grob. I was given an assignment to repair a vehicle belonging to a college staff member. The vehicle was experiencing a problem with hesitation on acceleration. I diagnosed the problem, took out the parts causing problems and gave them to Professor Grob so he could order new ones. When the car's owner discovered that I had removed his carburetor, he approached me while I was still in class and raising his voice told me he was furious that I had removed his car part. I was quite shaken by his anger. However, by the next class session, I was able to replace the part on his car and make the final adjustment. I thought the story had ended until I started my very last class before graduation, which was apolitical science class being taught by Dr. Kianfair, who happened to be the furious owner of the car. In short, he apologized to me and complimented me for a job well done. We became friends and remain so to this day.

If it wasn't for the knowledge and help I was given from all Schoolcraft College staff and faculty, (especially Professor Taylor, Professor Grob, Professor Steve Schewe, and counselor, Mr. Rupp), I wouldn't have been able to achieve all my goals successfully. My instructors became my friends and I owe them and Schoolcraft College a million thanks.

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