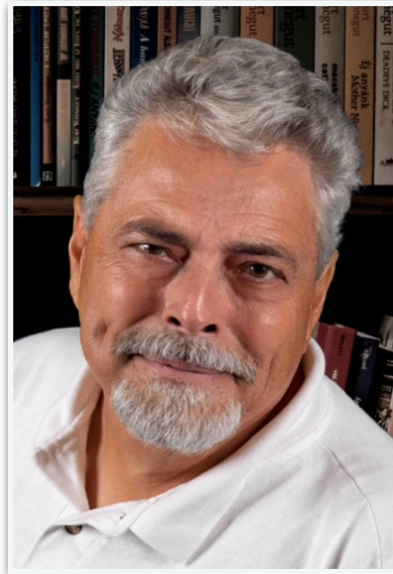
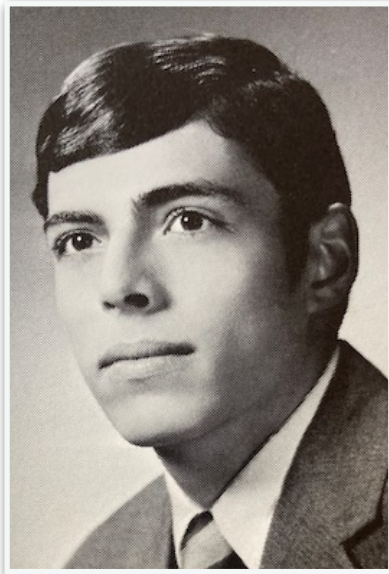




## Stan Cram



After graduating in 1971 Stan attended summer school at the University of Wisconsin La Crosse to pick up a few hours before matriculation to UW Eau Claire as a dual major in Business and Theater. Shortly before attending UW Eau Claire he became a born again Christian. Stan and a classmate we decided to change our life direction to Christian service while completing the first semester at Eau Claire. Stan decided to transfer to the Christian college his father attended. In the spring of 1972, Stan enrolled at Vennard College in southern Iowa. He completed his bachelor's degree with emphasis in Pastoral Ministry and Bible. Stan took a course in photography while attending Vennard and became head photographer for the college yearbook, and was elected Freshman class president. After graduation he served as president of the Vennard Alumni board.

Stan took a position working at an inner-city church in Stockton California after graduation He served as youth director and spent the first five weeks at the conference church camp in the high Sierra's. I found California to initially be a culture shock from our more stoic midwestern life. The church Stan worked at also had a secondary school, where he taught first grade in conjunction with his other ministerial duties. Stan then picked up his amateur radio license after taking a course at the local community college. After several years in California, he moved to take a senior pastorate in the panhandle of Texas. During his time in Texas the church grew and went through a building improvement program. He served at the church until, he received a call from his alma mater, to accept the position as acting Director of Admissions at Vennard College in 1981. The only job in his career he never applied for.

His position at Vennard entailed development of the admission program, as well as national travel as the college recruiter. He was also involved with the development of a fund-raising team. Stan was fortunate enough to boost enrollment over five years and left a legacy for the directors that followed him. Stan then continued his education at the University of Iowa in the Student Development graduate program.

This prompted the move to the Iowa City area. Stan began his Master's program in Student Development with a minor in Counseling, which he completed in 1988 and then stayed on to complete an Ed. S. degree. Stan was then accepted in the Doctoral program in Higher Education Administration. He worked at the University of Iowa as a computer programmer, a college instructor and a graduate research assistant.

Stan next took a position at Kirkwood Community College (Cedar Rapids, IA), as the Director of Student Life. Stan initiated numerous innovative programs and activities as well as christening a new student leadership development group. Stan also was a regular as one of the talk show moderators on Kirkwood Television.

With the assistance of one of Kirkwood's professors Stan was able to perform a scientific student study of the effects of service learning on egalitarian behavior. This was the basis of my subsequent dissertation and Stan was awarded his Ph.D. in 1998.

Shortly afterwards, Stan took a position as Dean of Students at Mount Senario college in Ladysmith, Wisconsin. He was promoted to Vice President for Student Affairs. Stan then moved on to Kankakee Community College south of Chicago.

His oversight at Kankakee College included numerous grant programs, child care services, health services, admissions, student advising, counseling, financial aid, athletics, student life as well as cabinet level decision-making. Stan remained at Kankakee as Dean of Students until 2004 at which time he moved to Rochester Community and Technical College (Rochester, MN) as Vice President for Student Development and Services.

Rochester Community and Technical College provided unique challenges for Stan. He implemented major reforms related to student leadership, worked jointly with public relations in the establishment of a new student receiving area, created the "Path to Purple" transfer program to Winona State, helped guide the Minnesota State Colleges and University Division III athletics program as a member of the executive board, He also expanded the veterans affairs accommodations and college transition, and created a partnership with secondary public and private secondary schools related to promote student enrollment. Stan worked directly with the state Higher Learning Commission to develop continuous improvement strategies. A number of our athletic Division III teams go on to national titles during his tenure.

Before his career ended he found another college opportunity in Wisconsin. In 2012 Stan took the position as Vice President of Student Affairs at Moraine Park Technical College in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Stan was able to see the college go through a major growth and building redesign program and had the opportunity to completely reimagine the student affairs operation as well as logistics during his time. At the same time his staff made the transition into a new customer relations module (CRM Datatel) which allowed them to customize and better coordinate our admissions, advising and financial aid processes. Stan oversaw a program that worked hand-in-hand with business and industry to ensure the school's programs met the current needs and skill sets required for the contemporary workforce.

Through his 40 years of leadership he had the distinct honor to engage with high-ranking military, governors of each state as well as a number of junkets to bring students to meet in Washington with legislative leaders to promote legislation to enhance the student experience.

Stan has also served as a member of various organizations and boards such as Rotary International, Elks, several radio clubs, board of directors of a credit union, active member of United Way board, recognized by the U.S. military as a "Patriotic Employer" as well as others.

Stan has a myriad of other interests. He has been an amateur radio operator for the past 43 years, Extra Class, call sign ALØM. He has served in leadership roles in ham radio and brought others into the hobby. The hobby gave him the opportunity to make friends with people all over the world. He has continued his long-time interest in photography as an avocation and currently has a side

business in real estate photography as well as portrait and special life event contracts such as senior pictures, confirmations and weddings. Stan is an avid golfer and member of several golf courses in the Rochester Area. He enjoys fishing and has often been down to the La Crosse area to ice fish as well as launch his boat at French Island.

Stan is also a family man. His oldest daughter married her high school sweetheart who is a doctor. She completed her B.A. at the University of Iowa. They reside in California with two of his grandchildren. His oldest son is career Air Force stationed in Washington State. His younger son is a construction worker in Wisconsin and his younger daughter is presently working on her career, saving money to buy a house. Stan's wife is presently a billing accountant for Rochester Motor Cars and he has been retired since 2017. Stan has family and siblings who live in the La Crosse area as well as Florida, Illinois and North Carolina. He and his wife and I have traveled to a number of foreign countries over the years with the most exotic destination being Ho Chi Minh City Vietnam to attend a wedding.

Stan thoroughly enjoyed his career since Central High and he is forever grateful to Irma Rideout for making him learn all the new vocabulary. Ms. Rideout told Stan that we would thank her, and he does. Stan credits his wonderful experience at Central that gave him a solid foundation from which to build his career and future. His life has been blessed with marriage and family with fond memories of the what fun and friendships he had as a student at Central High.