

I am The ROCK



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Job: Assistant to the provost for academic affairs.

Joined SRU: July 1987.

Background: My family moved from Roanoke, Va., to Slippery Rock in 1962. I spent several years in Seattle, Wash., and Long Island, N.Y., before I returned to Slippery Rock. When I started at SRU, I remember [President Robert] Aebersold saying everyone should take advantage of the tuition waivers. I did, and the classes that I attended changed the way that I see the world. I eventually earned my bachelor's and master's degrees. I worked in the Perkins Loan Office and the departments of computer science and physical therapy before becoming assistant to the provost in 1997.

Interests: Spending time with family and friends – they give immeasurable joy. I love to cook, or, at least, experiment with food. Gardening brings me a great deal of happiness – a great stress reliever. Walking outdoors is essential to my wellbeing. Golfing gives me the opportunity to not take myself so seriously – Anna Sorenstam I am not.

Person(s) I would most like to have dinner with: My SRU 'lunch bunch,' a fantastic group of women.

Why I work at The Rock: I am constantly learning something from the faculty, staff and students. Academics are at the core of the University, and I am proud to contribute in a small way to SRU's fundamental mission to provide high-quality undergraduate and graduate academic instruction. At SRU, I have reinvented myself several times, but throughout I have been guided by a consistent set of values and principles, with a dash of humor.

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