

# I am The ROCK

## Richard Grimm

**Job:** Associate professor School of Business, managing director of SRU's Sustainable Enterprise Accelerator.

**Joined SRU:** August 2008.

**Background:** I was born in Youngstown, Ohio, and have lived in the area most of my life. Although I began my academic career as a music major, I ended up receiving a bachelor's degree in business administration from Youngstown State University. I then went to work as a financial consultant for Merrill Lynch and later Wheat First Securities. I earned a master's degree in business administration from YSU followed by a doctorate in business administration. I worked 11 years as a finance professor at Grove City College before coming to SRU.

**Interests:** You are just as likely to find me at a museum as a garage sale. I enjoy collecting antiques with a particular interest in vintage string instruments. I also enjoy listening to a wide range of music. I also enjoy fishing, working out and vacationing with my family.

**Person(s) I would most like to have dinner with:** Richard Branson, the English business magnate.

**Why I work at The Rock:** SRU has provided numerous opportunities to challenge myself and given me the freedom to pursue many different directions in instruction and research. In addition, having grown up in a rural area within a blue-collar family helps me relate to students with similar experiences. The fact that I went from working on farms as a kid to working in high finance as an adult hopefully demonstrates that just about anything is possible if you possess a little talent and the willingness to work hard to achieve your goals.

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