

I am The **ROCK**

Laura Hawkins

Job: Nurse supervisor, Office of Student Health Services.

Joined SRU: September 1988.

Background: During my career at SRU, I have worked every shift in our 24/7 facility and have seen some interesting cases. In 1991, I became certified in college health nursing through the American Nurses Credentialing Center. In 2001, I received my bachelor of science in nursing degree through SRU and in 2005 was promoted to nurse supervisor. I keep the day-to-day operations of our busy health center on schedule, stand in for the director and fill in during clinic hours. I grew up in the Slippery Rock area and still live close by. My husband, Mike, and I have two grown daughters, one married and one engaged. We enjoy motorcycle riding and have been to the start of U.S. Route 1 in Fort Kent, Maine, and the end in Key West, Fla.

Person(s) I would most like to have dinner with: Kim Meeder, author of "Hope Rising," and owner/operator of Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch in Oregon. She rescues abused and neglected horses and pairs them with disadvantaged children.

Why I work at The Rock: I am so fortunate to have the opportunity to expand my nursing career so close to home. I have met some of the nicest people on this campus; those that inspire and those who are courageous for the trials they have endured. I love working with SRU students and watching them develop talents they didn't realize they had then go forth in the world a better educated person. My motto is to "be gracious, because gratitude is the virtue on which all others are based."

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