

I am The **ROCK**

Patty Hladio

Job: Director of financial aid. Our office assists students with accessing grants, scholarships, loans and work-study opportunities to help fund their education at SRU.

Joined University: 1998.

Background: Earned a bachelor's degree from Allegheny College in psychology and Spanish, then earned my master's degree from Amberton University in human relations and business. I served in various positions in higher education including records officer and director of career planning and placement before finding my passion for financial aid. Before joining SRU, I worked as a financial aid professional at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and at Chatham College.

Interests: Anything involving my nieces and nephews - I have 17 - including sports, music and travel. And, lately, animals have become a big part of my life. I've been riding horses for the past two years at Storm Harbor Equestrian Center and, just one year ago, I received my service dog, Josie, who is my constant companion and helper.

Last book read: 'The Art of Racing in the Rain' by Garth Stein.

Why I work at The Rock: It's the people that make SRU a great place to work. I am constantly impressed with our students and their accomplishments, and I enjoy collaborating campuswide with other faculty and staff to help our students succeed. In addition, I think we have one of the best financial aid staffs in the state, and I credit them with making it a great place to come to work each day.

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