

# I am The ROCK

## Deborah Hutchins

**Job:** Assistant professor of parks and recreation, director of the therapeutic recreation program.

**Joined SRU:** 1994.

**Background:** Bachelor of science degree in therapeutic recreation from Pennsylvania State University; master of science degree in therapeutic recreation from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and a doctorate in health care education from Nova Southeastern University. I worked for 19 years in physical medicine and rehabilitation as a therapist, program coordinator and manager before joining SRU.

**Interests:** Family, my dogs – I have two dogs, one is a therapy dog and the other is in training for therapy work – and I enjoy skiing and other outdoor activities.

**Person(s) I would like to have dinner with:** President Cheryl Norton and our new provost [Philip Way]. I admire her enthusiasm, and I love his accent.

**Why I work at The Rock:** I love my SRU job. I loved working in direct care with patients, but now I get to help prepare the future generation of recreational therapists and other health care practitioners.

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