

I am The ROCK

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Joined SRU: Fall 1994.

Background: I have been fortunate to work in intercollegiate athletics for 25 years after a four-year career as a student-athlete at Earlham College in Richmond, Ind. My first nine years were at Eastern Illinois University. I started as an intern in the athletic department. After my internship and earning a master's degree in sports administration from St. Thomas University in Miami, Fla., I was hired at EIU as promotions director and head men's golf coach. I was then very fortunate that SRU took a chance on a young athletic administrator, allowing me to become the new director of athletics. Sixteen years, and I still love to go to work everyday.

Interests: Professionally, I love interacting with coaches and students in striving to successfully represent SRU on the playing fields and in the classroom. I also enjoy interacting with all the great folks that work at SRU. While away from SRU, I love to spend time with my family. My wife, Ann, and our children Adam and Lindsey are my pride and joy. I like to work around the house in the garage and yard, enjoy watching sports and comedy shows on television, and playing golf with friends, when I can find the time.

Last Book Read: 'Have a Little Faith' by Mitch Albom.

Why I work at The Rock: SRU and the surrounding community are places where people care about one another and enjoy striving for the same goals, to make the world a better place. The support that I have had during my tenure at SRU has helped me to grow as an administrator, leader and friend to many faculty, staff and students. My family and I have been blessed to be in such a caring community, especially during this very difficult time with my wife fighting cancer. We could not be in a better place at this time in our lives. God bless you all.

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