



I am The ROCK

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Job: Associate professor of special education.

Background: My education started at Slippery Rock University, where I received my bachelor's degree with a certificate to teach students with mental and physical disabilities in grades kindergarten through age 21. During my first teaching job, I began my master's program at California University of Pennsylvania in school administration and policy study with certification in secondary school principals. I earned my doctorate degree in educational leadership from Duquesne University. My doctoral degree landed me at SRU, where I teach graduate and undergraduate courses in special education.

Interests: Riding my bicycle hundreds of miles, spending time with my three beautiful teenage daughters and lovely wife, and doing the 'Insanity' workout in an attempt to stay in shape. I also enjoy getting together with my extended family, not to mention my 36 nieces and nephews and two great-nieces and nephews.

Person(s) I would like to have dinner with: Ronald Reagan, Mother Teresa, Pope John Paul II and Bill Gates.

Why I work at The Rock: I have to say that I bleed green and white. I felt my education at SRU was the foundation that led me to what and who I am today. The students are top notch, and the faculty and administration continues to impress me every day with their commitment to excellence. This is the first job I had that I actually stayed in for longer than 10 years, and I plan on retiring from SRU. I don't believe there is any other place in the world that I would want to work.

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