

# I am The ROCK



## Jeff Messer

**Job:** Head baseball coach, with 869 wins.

**Joined SRU:** 1985.

**Background:** I received my bachelor's degree from Springfield College and master's degree from Oklahoma City University. I played professional baseball in Holland before joining Westfield State College as assistant baseball coach, followed by a year as assistant baseball coach at Oklahoma City University.

**Interests:** Fishing, hunting and travel.

**Person(s) I would like to have dinner with:** Carl Yastrzemski, left fielder and first baseman for the Boston Red Sox.

**Why I work at The Rock:** I started working at The Rock as an assistant professor/head baseball coach in 1985. The opportunity to teach and coach at the college level was always a dream I had while a student-athlete at Springfield College. SRU has allowed me to interact, teach and lead students and athletes for the last 29 years. It has been an exciting time over the years to see the University and Slippery Rock community grow. My position at The Rock has given my family the opportunity to grow in an outstanding and caring environment. Slippery Rock University is an exciting and special place.

