

# I am The ROCK

## **Tina Proper**

**Job:** Executive staff assistant for finance and administrative affairs.

**Joined SRU:** 2006.

**Background:** I was born in Greenville and grew up in Stoneboro. I joined the United States Air Force in 1987 and served for seven years. I was stationed in Virginia, Texas and North Carolina. I served during the first Gulf War. I'm married and have four daughters, two of which are twins, and a granddaughter. In April 2009, I was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent two surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation. April 1, 2012, I will celebrate my birthday – three years cancer free and enjoying life.

**Interests:** I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. My youngest daughter is 7 so we are busy running to gymnastics and softball.

**Person(s) I would most like to have dinner with:** My family and friends because they supported me through some very tough times. They are my "rocks."

**Why I work at The Rock:** I came to SRU for a career opportunity and found a family. I had so much support while I was going through treatment for breast cancer. It was such a difficult time in my life, and my SRU family was by my side. I received cards, meals, leave donations and so much support. I am forever grateful. I enjoy working with administrators and staff and interacting with students when possible.

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