

A close-up portrait of Bonnie Jo Siple, a woman with short, dark brown hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a maroon V-neck sweater, a silver necklace with a small blue pendant, and gold hoop earrings. The background shows a brick building and a stone bust of a person's head.

I am The **ROCK**

Bonnie Jo Siple

Position: Assistant professor in the department of exercise and rehabilitative sciences, coordinator of the Athletic Training Education Program.

Joined University: 1993 as an assistant athletic trainer; 1995 as a faculty member and 1996 as program coordinator.

Background: I worked as an athletic trainer for the HealthSouth Corp. and Kolczen & Kolczen Sportsmedicine in Lorain, Ohio. I graduated from SRU in 1991.

Interests: I was reared in western Pennsylvania, so I am a die-hard Steelers fan. I love to golf and have rededicated myself to the sport. I enjoy music, movies and theater. I love to read.

Last book read: "Standing Tall" by C. Vivian Stringer.

Why I work at The Rock: I have a deep affection for SRU, not only because it's my alma mater, but because it's my mother's alma mater, too. Our students are supported in ways that many other students at other universities are not. I am blessed to work with two of the most special groups of students on campus – athletic training students and student-athletes. It's great fun when the seniors call me to tell me they passed their Athletic Training Certification examination; it's the pinnacle of their education with us.

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