



I am The ROCK

Kathleen Strickland

Job: Dean of the College of Education.

Joined SRU: 1988.

Background: I grew up in western New York and received my undergraduate and master's degrees from Buffalo State College and my doctorate from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. I taught in the Tonawanda Public School District before I left to teach at Buffalo State College. In 1988 I came to Slippery Rock University and taught in the elementary education department and later in the English department.

Interests: I spend as much time as possible with my three grandchildren, and I think the best days are spent watching 11 year olds play soccer, or attending middle school cross country meets, or holding a 15 month old on my lap as I read the same book over and over. Any spare time I have, I try to work to support those in the autism community.

Person I would like to have dinner with: Temple Grandin, the autism advocate and inventor of the hug machine.

Why I work at the Rock: Working at SRU has enabled me to fulfill my goals as a teacher and as a scholar. I respect those with whom I work, and I am proud to work at a University where students and their learning are at the center of all we do.

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