

**ROEPER PARENT COMMUNITY OFFICERS
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Lori Talbott: *President* loritalbott@me.com

This will be our 5th year at Roeper. I have many memorable Roeper stories, it's hard to pick just one! As I think about all my favorite moments, the one thing that sticks out in all of them is the people- the caring, compassionate, genuine people that make this community a wonderful place for our children and for us. I have never seen kids so happy to go to school and so sad for summer break. We are making lifelong friendships and our children are developing a love for learning that will last a lifetime!!

Sarah Miller: *VP of Communication* bowlers@umich.edu

We have been at Roeper for almost two years. My favorite Roeper memory so far is of the skits in Scott and Dee's room that they created for Grandparent's Day :)

Felix Nunley: *Lower School VP* felixnunley4@gmail.com

I've been a proud Roeper dad since 2012. This is our fifth year with daughter, Zora, and second year with my son, Felix. My favorite Roeper memory is my very first interaction with the school. It was the initial interview and realizing this was the school for Zora and crying over that fact.

Beth Vens: *Middle School VP* schmidly6@hotmail.com

I believe this will be our 15th year. I have too many wonderful memories to have a favorite memory!!! But I can say one of my favorite things about Roeper is that it feels like family. As my kids have always said, "Roeper is my second home!"

Leslie Moskowitz: *Upper School VP* lesliepm1@att.net

I have three children at Roeper; Ellie (12th grade), Asher (10th) and Nathan (10th). We have been a part of the Roeper community for 13 years. My favorite Roeper memories are of watching all three of my children step out of their comfort zones and try different activities with great success. My son plays sports and also does theater and my daughter's first time playing soccer was in her junior year, when she joined the team. They are surrounded by a safe environment that encourages them to be involved, no matter what their skill level.

Tamara Rambus: *VP of LS New Parents, Stages I/II* tamara.rambus@gmail.com

We have been part of the Roeper community as parents for the past 2 years. My husband is also a passionate Roeper alum. My favorite Roeper memory is the first time I walked into the domes and saw kids lounging in the library (now the Tinkering Space). It was such a warm and comfortable environment and the kids seemed so relaxed, yet engaged, in their learning.

Melissa Thompson: *VP of LS New Parents, Stages III/IV* ma_thompson@hotmail.com

I have been a member of the Roeper community for 3 years. My favorite Roeper moments are the smiles on my children's faces in the morning going to school!

Leisl Must: *VP of Middle and Upper School New Parents* mustmail@yahoo.com

Our family has been at Roeper seven years. Lucie started as a second year in Stage 2. Lucie will be in 8th grade, and Lila will be a second year in Stage 3 this year. There are so many wonderful Roeper memories that it was difficult to choose one. However, one I often recall is shortly after Lucie started in Stage 2, I was volunteering in the library (when it was still in the Domes), and a group of kids was returning to their classroom from a free choice class. They passed by the door of the library doing a conga line, complete with creating the music themselves. They were so completely joyful, creative and comfortable in their school environment. I knew we had made the right choice!

Theresa Andare: *VP of Education/ Philosophy* theresa.andare@gmail.com

I am a Roeper Alum, class of '98, and my son, Julian, is a second year in Stage II. Outside of Roeper, I am a psychologist and I work with many gifted children. I enjoy the opportunities that the parent education and philosophy offerings provide for members of the community to gather, and have meaningful discussion about their children, this community, and all that comes along with parenting gifted children. My favorite Roeper memory has been watching my son develop his own memories as a Roeper student and being able to share experiences of such a special place.

Rajesh Radhakrishnan: *VP of Diversity* rajeshr.us@gmail.com

This is my family's 5th year at Roeper. My daughter Maya is in 9th grade and my daughter Jaanaki is in 7th grade. Along with the "my village, my community" feeling of Roeper, one of my favorite Roeper experiences was the SEED program. SEED helped foster a few deep relationships with other members of this community.

Nadia Elmagrabi: *VP of Environmental Awareness* n.elmagrabi@gmail.com

We have been at Roeper since Fall 2015. Gavin Mocerri is in Stage III with Cathy and Susie. My favorite Roeper memory is more of an overall feeling of being connected and accepted in the community and the feeling that each member of the community is held in the highest positive regard.

Megan Nishibori: *VP of LS Fine and Performing Arts* koru1@yahoo.com

It will be our second year at Roeper for the 2016/17 school year. Even though we have only been a part of the Roeper community for a year, we have loads of wonderful memories! My fondest memory is when Mia had only been at Roeper for a week and she came home one day stating that Roeper was a magical school and she loved everything and everyone. This was from a child who cried every day going to her prior school for months. I couldn't have agreed more!

Tina Calderwood: *VP of M/US Fine & Performing Arts* abccalderwood@wowway.com

This will be our 11th year at Roeper! It is so hard to think of a favorite Roeper memory because I have so many of them! I loved all of the theatre productions that my children have been a part of. I loved that when we first started in Stage I, Amber "got" Alex instantly. I remember Sharon Pink calling me after Alex's evaluation when I thought she was going to tell me "No, thank you", she said, "Alex NEEDS Roeper". I remember how much time my kids have gotten to spend in nature at the Lower School and how much that has positively added to their lives.

James Tolbert: *VP of Community Fun* jwto1bert2@gmail.com

I am a third year Roeper parent, father of Dallas. I am very pleased with Roeper; it offers a diverse environment that has a positive impact on these young minds. I often brag about Roeper by recalling a day when Natosha and I asked Dallas how she liked the school. Dallas responded, "I don't like it...I LOVE IT!" As the VP of Fun, I will bring commitment and energy to the RPC to ensure that excitement is felt in all our events.

Tom Keuten: *VP of Athletics* tkeuten@hotmail.com

I have been part of the Roeper Community for 5 years - it goes by fast! My favorite memory is of my first experience at a Lower School party. All of our kids had a blast, and the parents were all very welcoming.