



It is my pleasure to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Ajano Perry. I am originally from a state in India called Nagaland. Nagaland is tucked away in the beautiful rolling hills and mountainous area between Burma (Myanmar) and India. The Naga people have a distinct tribal culture and ethnicity with a history that goes back many generations, well-before the region became part of what we now know as India. I earned my Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts with a major in Education and a Bachelor degree in Divinity from Union Biblical Seminary in Pune, India. After completion of my studies, I worked as the headmistress for a K-10th grade Christian School in my home town of Dimapur, Nagaland.

I came to the United States in 1992 for further studies. I received my MA and a Doctorate in Christian Ministry (Pastoral Care and Counseling) from Faith Lutheran International Seminary/University in Tacoma, Washington State. While working on my doctorate internship in California, I was introduced to my future husband, Steve Perry by a mutual friend at a Super Bowl party in January of 1996. I didn't marry Steve until I had graduated and fulfilled a commitment to teach at Kathmandu Bible College in Nepal. We got married in Dimapur, Nagaland in 1996 and moved to Rochester Hills in 1998 for Steve's career in the auto industry. We have now been married for 24 years and blessed with a son and a daughter.

I taught at a traditional pre-school in Rochester Hills for seven years. With this experience, I wanted a higher level of challenge. As I sought a position in a high-quality children's learning environment, I found Schoolhouse Montessori Academy as a place to exercise my skills and training. 16 years ago I had the privilege to work with the pre-primary class. In the same time period I received my Montessori certification of training. I also received my Bachelor's degree in Applied Science in Early Childhood Development from Rochester College (now Rochester University). In 2006 I created the Toddlers' program, had the responsibility as lead teacher in the Toddler classroom for seven years. In 2011 I was honored to take on the responsibility as the Director for Troy campus (Schoolhouse Montessori Academy). It is my privilege and honor to serve you all. I have been at Schoolhouse for the 16 years now.

If I am not working, doing errands for school or doing my household chores at home, I love watching Western Cowboy TV series like Hop-A long Cassidy and Murder Mysteries (Father Brown)! I enjoy my quiet afternoon tea.

Here are a few pictures to introduce my nuclear family.



My husband Steve is from Los Angeles. He is a true car guy and his career brought us to Rochester Hills, Michigan for an opportunity in the automotive industry in 1998. Steve currently works for Ford Motor Company as an engineering supervisor. For fun, Steve enjoys home improvement projects, cars, bikes, scale model cars, and photography. The picture below is a 2020 GT Mustang model built by Steve (150 hour project). It is a replica of my real 2020 Mustang GT in Twister Orange. The license plate says **Dr. Perry**☺!



The real 2020 GT Mustang



Model



Our son Jacob is a senior studying Mechanical Engineering at Western Michigan University. He is also an intern at Parker Aerospace. He participates on the university Formula SAE team and he loves his drumming. He plays for his band **Blank Slate** and in his church Worship Band. He sure likes to drive his Subaru WRX, posing with dad at a Gingermann Raceway track day event.



Charlotte (Cha Cha) is a senior at Rochester High, and she is an avid equestrian. She works very hard at the stable in exchange for lease on her horse, Lily, grooming horses and teaching equestrian lessons to beginning riders. She trains hard as well to be a good rider. She loves animals and keeps three mice as her pets☺! She likes hanging out with dad and dirt bike riding as well. Charlotte is now in the process of selecting a college to continue her education after graduating from Rochester High School in 2021.

It is has been my pleasure and privilege working with you all this year. I am very blessed to have my whole family supporting me to do my job the best I can. I am happy to serve you all and will continue to do so. 2020 has been an eventful year with the novel coronavirus hitting us hard. You have been incredible with your support, cooperation, patience and understanding. As we celebrate all the Holidays during this unprecedented time I will continue to remember you all in my prayers for your safety and health.

Wishing you all “A very Merry Christmas and Happy New year” from the Perry family to all the Schoolhouse Families.