

Defer Elementary Staff

Meet the
Defer
Staff!

2022 -23

Dr. Rheume

Position - Principal

Favorite Food - Anything chocolate!

Who inspires you? My mom

On weekends I like to read, walk in the neighborhood, and play with Evelyn

Favorite movie - Harry Potter

I cheer for the University of Michigan - GO BLUE!

In elementary school, I loved reading!



I became an educator because I believe our students have the knowledge and power to change the world!

Dineen Krotche



I became an educator because I love to help children grow and mature into their unique personalities.

- Position - Secretary to the Principal
- Favorite Food - Polish
- Who inspires you? My mom has always been my inspiration. She was very strong-willed.
- On weekends I like to spend time at our family cottage and work in my garden.
- Favorite movie - Elf
- I cheer for all the Detroit Teams.
- In elementary school, I loved volunteering in the Office.

Kate Gorman



- Position - Office Assistant
- Favorite Food - Asado
- Who inspires you? My best friend, Michelle.
- On weekends I like to spend time with my family
- Favorite movie - Princess Bride
- I cheer for anyone trying to be the best version of themselves!
- In elementary school, I loved science!

Amy Zizelman

Position - Young 5's Teacher

Favorite Food - Salad and Chicken

Who inspires you? - Defer Staff-they are truly the best!

On weekends I like to spend time watching my kids play the sports they love. I also love working out, walking/hiking with Mr. Zizelman, and reading.

Favorite TV Show - American Ninja Warrior

In elementary school, I loved building relationships and making friends. Oh and talking, I love to talk.



I became an educator because I want to inspire children to believe in themselves.

Holly McVicar

Position - Kindergarten Teacher

Favorite Food - Mediterranean Food

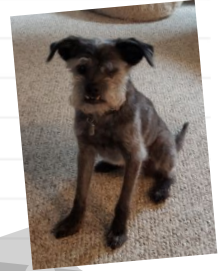
Who inspires you? - My Mom

On weekends I like to spend time with my family and friends.

Favorite movie - Christmas Movies

I cheer for Detroit teams, unless they are playing against Cleveland.

In elementary school, I loved reading and Science.



I became an educator because I love instilling a love of learning and school right from the start!

Shaughan Rumohr



I became an educator because I love working with kids and seeing them learn and grow!

- Kindergarten Teacher
- Most any kind of potato
- Who inspires you? Anyone who works to make themselves or the world better!
- On weekends I like relaxing, or cheering on my kids at whatever sport they are playing, or shopping
- Favorite movie - Harry Potter or Jurassic movies
- I cheer for the Red Wings!
- In elementary school, I loved playing sports and singing or performing

Stephanie Dye



I became an educator because the classroom is a magical place, filled with learning and laughter!

- Position: 1st grade teacher
- Favorite Food: Sushi and pizza
- Who inspires you? My cousins
- On weekends I like to travel and spend time with my family and friends
- Favorite TV show: Ted Lasso
- I cheer for MSU and Detroit teams!
- In elementary school, I loved staying after school to help my teachers

Kristina Roper

Position-1st Grade Teacher

Favorite Food - Sushi & Popcorn

Who inspires you? - My Family and coworkers.

On weekends I like to hang out with my family and friends.

Favorite movie - Too many to pick one!

I cheer for University of Tulsa

In elementary school, I loved helping the teacher and listening to read alouds.



I became an educator because I love watching the "light bulb" moments while my students are learning.

Sarah Sanger



I became an educator because I love seeing our world through the eyes of young learners!



- **Position:** First Grade
- **Favorite Food:** Mac & Cheese, BLTs, and Candy Corn
- **Who inspires you?** My grandparents, parents, and my husband
- **On weekends I like to spend time with my family, friends, and pup. I also love to go on adventures!**
- **Favorite TV Show:** Big Brother
- **I cheer for MSU!**
- **In elementary school, I loved playing with new friends!**

Steve Buckman

Position: Second Grade

Favorite Food: Barbeque and anything seafood.

Who inspires you? The colleagues with whom I teach here at Defer.

On weekends I like camping, outdoor activities, and playing music with others.

Favorite movie: Breakfast Club

I cheer for my students!

In elementary school, I loved.... I don't really remember (it was a long time ago). I just enjoyed it - I think.

I became an educator because I wanted to help others grow and achieve what they want to be.



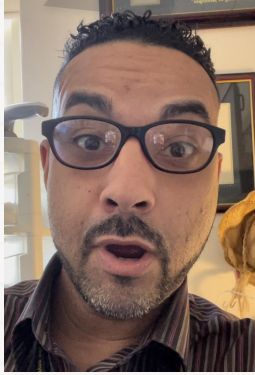
Catherine Evans



I became an educator because I love to help students learn and grow within a calm and safe environment.

- Position: Second Grade
- Favorite Food: All things Italian & Peanut M&Ms
- Who inspires you: My dad, he is the kindest and most helpful person I know
- On weekends I like: To spend time with my friends and family, run, bake, read and visit my parents cottage
- Favorite movie: Any Comedy
- I cheer for: MSU-Go Green!
- In elementary school, I loved: Reading and talking to friends

Kyle Martin



I became an educator to make learning memorable and remind children that adults really do care.



Position: 2nd Grade Teacher

Favorite Food: Sushi

What Inspires You: Sunrises



On Weekends I Enjoy:

- Restaurant Hunting & Bonfires

Favorite Movie: *Good Will Hunting*

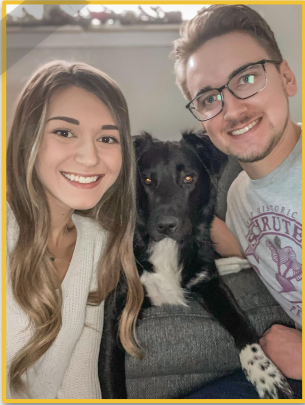
I Cheer For: MSU



In Elementary School I Loved:

- Talking While the Teacher Talked

Lindsay Dorosz



I became an educator because every child deserves to feel loved and safe, and be given the opportunity to change the world.

- Position: Third Grade Teacher
- Favorite Food: Tacos and Ice Cream
- Who inspires you: My mom because of her kindness, selflessness, and strength
- On weekends I like: To spend time with my friends and family, read books, go to the park to walk or roller blade
- Favorite movie: Any cheesy rom-com
- I cheer for: All Detroit sports teams, only because of my husband
- In elementary school, I loved: Exploring the world through books and creating in art class

Sarah Hartley

Position: 3rd Grade Teacher

Favorite Food: Pizza, Chocolate

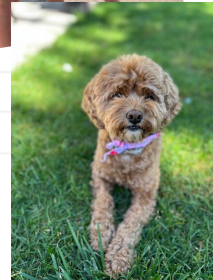
Who inspires you? My family

On weekends I like to hang out with my family and friends, take my kids on new adventures, and relax.

Favorite movie: Anything that makes me laugh

I cheer for: Michigan State- GO GREEN!

In elementary school, I loved reading and meeting new friends.



I became an educator because I love inspiring and teaching young learners.

Megan Sims



I became an educator because I love watching the students learn and grow!

- Position: 3rd Grade Teacher
- Favorite Food: BLT Pizza and Chocolate!
- Who inspires you? My family and coworkers
- On weekends I like to spend time with my family and cook!
- Favorite movie is Remember the Titans.
- I cheer for the Detroit Tigers!!
- In elementary school, I loved playing sports!

Christine Bergeron



I became an educator because I love the students and it is so rewarding to know you've made a difference in their lives.

- Position - 3/4 Magnet Teacher
- Favorite Foods - Italian and Mexican
- Who inspires you? My family, friends, and colleagues inspire me.
- On weekends I like to relax, walk my dog, spend time with family and friends, and catch up on my "to do" list.
- I enjoy watching movies and shows.
- I cheer for all the Detroit sports teams.
- In elementary school, I loved helping the teacher and playing school with my friends.

Tricia Gout



I became an educator because I want to help children learn and grow into good citizens.

- Position: 4th Grade Teacher
- Favorite Food: Ghirardelli or Sanders Dark Chocolate Sea Salt Caramels
- Who inspires you?—My family and my co-workers.
- On weekends I like to read, ride my bike, and hang out with my family and friends.
- Favorite movie: The Little Mermaid
- I cheer for Eastern Michigan
- In elementary school, I loved helping the teacher.

Jane Nugent

Position- 4th grade teacher

Favorite Candy- Reese's

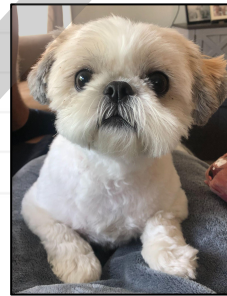
Who inspires you? My mom inspires me because she dedicated her life to teaching young children.

On weekends I like to relax, walk my dog, Toby, and watch my kids play sports.

Favorite Show- Ted Lasso

I cheer for the Spartans!

In elementary school, I loved to play school with my friends.



I became an educator because I find joy in helping students learn and realize their potential.

Rebecca Golus

Position - 4th grade

Favorite Food - seafood, popcorn, and salad

Who inspires you - all of the strong women in my life

On weekends I like to spend time with my family, knit, take walks outside, bike ride, and clean.

Favorite movie - Top Gun

I always cheer for the underdog!

In elementary school, I loved to read and play with my friends.



I became an educator because I wanted to help children become confident and creative learners.

Shelby Rose



I became an educator because every student deserves someone who will be in their corner!

- Position: Fourth Grade
- Favorite Food: Taco Bell
- Who inspires you? My husband because he is such a hard worker and would do anything for the people he loves!
- On weekends I like: to spend time with my family, watch football, and travel!
- Favorite movie: The Little Rascals
- I cheer for: the Michigan State Spartans!!
- In elementary school, I loved: being on safety/service!

Tamika Armstrong

Position: Social Worker/Mental Health Support

Favorite Food -Tacos! And Mediterranean

Who inspires you?: My Grandmother

On weekends I like: Karaoke and spend time with my family

Favorite movie: My Best Friend's Wedding

I cheer for: My Children

In elementary school, I loved: Being in plays and singing



I became an educator because I love children and I want to see them become successful and reach their highest potential



Michael DeCenso



I love helping others learn.

I became an educator because

- Position
- Favorite Food



- Who inspires you?
- On weekends I like



- I cheer for **S**
- In elementary school, I loved



Andrea Finney



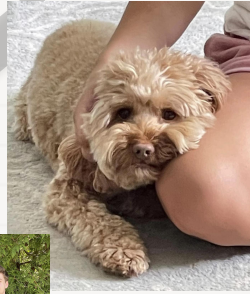
I became an educator because I love helping kids grow.

- Position: Spanish Teacher
- Favorite Food: Seafood and sweets.
- Who inspires you? My parents.
- On weekends I like watching movies with my family.
- Favorite movie: Life is Beautiful.
- In elementary school, I loved reading

Tina Justice



I became an educator because kids are my absolute favorite humans and I wanted to help make their elementary experience special and fun.



- Position: School Social Worker
- Favorite Food: Chicken Parm
- Who inspires you? My family, friends and co-workers.
- On weekends I like: to go out to eat in Detroit, spend time with my family & friends and travel.
- Favorite TV Show: Ted Lasso
- I cheer for: Indiana University and MSU
- In elementary school, I loved my teachers, playing sports and reading!

Courtney Kliman

Position: Physical Education

Favorite Food – Pizza

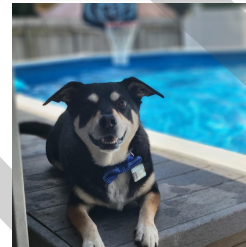
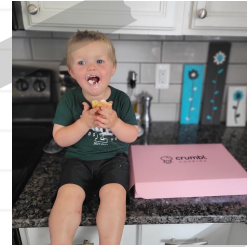
Who inspires you? My sister who is strong, smart, and thoughtful.

On weekends I like to spend time with my family outside.

Favorite movie: White Christmas

I cheer for Eastern Michigan University!

In elementary school, I loved to play outside at recess.



I became an educator because I love watching my students learn in a fun, engaging environment.

Rachael Loscher

Position- Speech and Language
Pathologist

Favorite Food - Chicken Shawarma

Who inspires you? My Dad

On weekends I like to go on
adventures with my family!

Favorite movie- The Princess Bride

I cheer for- the underdog!

In elementary school, I loved- art!



I became an
educator because I
want to help kids
communicate
better!

Stefani Makowski



I became an educator because I love to see students learn, explore & create.

- Position - Art
- Favorite Food - Chocolate
- Who inspires you? My dad
- On weekends I like to spend time with my family
- Favorite movie - My Fair Lady
- I cheer for U of M - Go Blue!
- In elementary school, I loved reading and art

Candace Meyers



- Position: Resource Teacher
- Favorite Food: Pizza & Desserts
- Who inspires you? My family, friends.
- On weekends I like: to spend time with my family on adventures and watching sports
- Favorite TV Show: Ted Lasso
- I cheer for: Notre Dame & Cleveland
- In elementary school, I loved my teachers, playing sports and being with my friends.



I became an educator because I enjoy working with children.

Leticia Moussiaux

- Position: Tech Paraprofessional
- Favorite food: latin food
- Who inspires you: My parents, family and staff
- On weekends I like to spend time with my family
- Favorite movie: Lion King
- I cheer for my kids sports, MSU
- In elementary school, I loved helping teachers, perform in play and sing.

Eva Orlowski

Position- Library Assistant

Favorite Food -chicken tacos

Who inspires you? My husband and my best friend.

On weekends I like to go paddle with my family and read.

Favorite movie- (right now) Free Guy

I cheer for Notre Dame and the Green Bay Packers.

In elementary school, I loved to read and play outside.



I became an educator because I like working with children.

Alisha Salli

I became a School Psychologist to make sure all kids had someone looking out for them at school

- Position: School Psychologist
- Favorite Food: Soup of many kinds
- Who inspires you? Strong Women who are Leaders
- On weekends I like: to go garden, spend time with my family and dogs, and work on creative projects
- Favorite TV Show: Schitt's Creek
- I cheer for: Michigan State
- In elementary school, I loved recess and reading by myself

Elly Scannell

Position: Music Teacher

Favorite Food: Pasta

Who inspires you? My daughter

On weekends I like to go camping

Favorite movie: Star Wars


I cheer for: my daughter Sammie at gymnastics!

In elementary school, I loved when my teacher let me stay in for recess and do huge jigsaw puzzles



I became a music teacher because I love teaching kids how to work together to create something beautiful.



A photograph of three young people sitting outdoors. On the left, a young woman with long brown hair, wearing a white button-down shirt, is high-fiving a young man in the center. The man is wearing a red, white, and blue plaid shirt over a white t-shirt and is smiling broadly. On the right, another young woman with dark hair, also wearing a plaid shirt, is holding a white coffee cup with a black straw and looking towards the man. The background shows a wooden door and some greenery. A yellow sticky note is placed in the upper right corner of the image.

***It's going to
be a great
school year!***