

Introducing: Rachel Dery, GG

We are delighted to share some special news! Our daughter, Rachel, received her Graduate Gemologist diploma from Gemological Institute of America (GIA).

Rachel grew up in the jewelry industry, factoring with Roger, visiting retail partners with us, traveling to Africa for the filming of *Shawty the Rough*, and purchasing gem rough under Roger's tutelage. She graduated from Asbury University in 2015 intending to pursue a career with her Communications degree. Life's turns are never short of surprising! She soon found herself back in the jewelry industry working for Om Jewelers (Garden City and Northville, MI) in marketing, public relations, and event planning. One of her favorite parts is talking with customers about colored gemstones.



Annette, Om Jr., and Tina Mazzoni with Ginger, Roger, and Rachel Dery

Late in 2015, Rachel traveled with us to Sri Lanka on our hunt for sapphires, rubies, and whatever else might show up. She sat alongside Roger as he looked at thousands of sapphires and determined their potential for re-cutting.



Roger and Rachel in Ratnapura, Sri Lanka

Rachel realized she couldn't get away from her love for colored gemstones. She is intrigued by the inside of every gem, the possibilities in a piece of rough, and the exhilaration of sharing colored stones with the world. The next step?

GIA! Last fall, Rachel was awarded the Susan Jacques Scholarship to the Gemological Institute of America and graduated from the Carlsbad, CA campus in July as a Graduate Gemologist! We are thrilled and can't wait to see life's next turn with her new skills, added to her passion and experience.



Roger and Rachel at GIA Carlsbad GG graduation!

Congratulations, Rachel Dery, GG!

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