

1964: Born in Vietnam

Education: 12 years of general education

August 2002: Arrives in U.S. with husband and two children.

September 2002: First term of ESOL classes, level A (beginning) all skills

January 2002: Second term of ESOL classes, level A (beginning) all skills

1st interview: February 2003
-Work: unemployed, looking for work
-Goals in education: learn English and pursuit a two year College degree
-Goals in general: improve basic skills, help children with their homework, talk to children's teachers, help community, become a citizen, register to vote, get a job

2nd interview: March 2004
-Work: unemployed, not looking for work
-Goals in education: two year College degree
-Goals in general: get a job, talk to children's teachers, become a citizen

3rd interview: March 2005
-Work: full-time (first job)
-Goals in education: Vocational, trade or Business School
-Goals in general: keep job, communicate better at work, talk to children's teachers, help children with homework, assimilate into American society

4th interview: March 2006
-Hopes to be able to improve her understanding of English to reduce her anxiety when speaking English on the telephone.
-Expresses a strong affinity for holiday traditions in the U.S. and says that she feels about 30% acculturated to the U.S.