

**1961:** Born in Vietnam

**Education:** 12 years of general education and 7 years of ESL at a community college in Vietnam

**1991-2001:** Worked in a restaurant and in a jewelry store in Vietnam.

**September 2002:** Comes to U.S. (Portland) with husband and two daughters.

**June 2003:** First term of ESOL classes in the U.S., level A (beginner) all skills

**1<sup>st</sup> interview:** (July 2003)  
-Work: unemployed, not looking for work  
-Goals in education: 4-year college degree  
-Goals in general: to be able to listen and speak English fluently

**September 2003:** Second term of ESOL classes in the U.S., level C (intermediate) all skills.

**January 2004:** Third term of ESOL classes in the U.S., level C (intermediate) all skills.

**April 2004:** Fourth term of ESOL classes in the U.S., Intermediate level reading and writing.

**June 2004:** Fifth term of ESOL classes in the U.S., level D (advanced) all skills.

**2<sup>nd</sup> interview:** (July 2004)  
-Work: unemployed, not looking for work  
-Goals in education: Vocational, or business school  
-Goals in general: become a citizen, register to vote, help community, obtain GED, talk to children's teacher and help them with their homework

**September 2004:** Sixth term of ESOL classes in the U.S., intermediate level listening/speaking.

**3<sup>rd</sup> interview:** (March 2006)  
-Work: full-time beautician  
-Goals in education: two-year college degree  
-Goals in general: talk to the children's teachers