

My name is Hui Chen. My first career was a lawyer in China, but I found my true calling as a Chinese teacher in America after several years volunteering at my sons' regular school and being a Chinese teacher at a local Chinese community school. Throughout many year's hard work, finally my dream came true! Right now I am a certified Chinese teacher and I am teaching Chinese at Village Academy, a K-12 private school, in Powell OH. I love teaching!

However, I feel being a Chinese language teacher is a great challenge. At my current school, I teach a whole range of students from Pre-K to 5th, who are also given a Chance to learn Spanish. Since Chinese is so different from English, non-heritage students find that Chinese is much harder than Spanish. I need to create an effective learning environment, to keep students cognitively engaged and to be more professional.

I am so grateful for being accepted by the 2014 Virginia Startalk Chinese Teacher Academy. It provided me much needed professional development opportunity and training. I will become a better Chinese teacher.