

Cover Letter – Wenyen Tung

When I started teaching, I thought the most important thing I had to teach were concepts and standards. However, I gradually realized that the most important thing I can contribute to my students is the joy of learning. During his trip to China in 2009, a State Department spokesman explained that, “China will have much more important voice in world affairs in the coming years, and we need more Americans who can speak the language, who understand China, and who can do business more effectively with the Chinese.” This statement ignited my responsibility to the American students that I play an important role of this aspect; I am a citizen ambassador of the Chinese language in the U.S society. As a Chinese teacher in the United States, it is my job to bring joy into the processes of learning and mastering the Chinese language for young minds that will mold the global economy and society in the future.

As a Chinese teacher, I was able to teach students not only about language, but also diverse cultural achievements, religions, governments, geography and arts from around the globe. Additionally, I gave students an insight look the exploring the history of Chinese Americans in early 19th century. I believe my students truly were transported by this experience, and it has sparked their desire to participate in the classroom. Mandarin is slowly catching up. I believe that with the skills and experiences I am equipped with, I am able to work as part of the movement with my love for the Chinese language and culture embedded in my gratitude for the opportunities and success I have been able to achieve while in the United States as a way to give back for the rewards I have sowed.