

Curtis Nguyen

I was born in Saigon, Vietnam during the Vietnam War but came with my family to America when I was about 2.5 years old. I grew up in Las Vegas, and my family lived in the poor, gang area until I was twelve, then we finally were able to move on up and get a piece of the pie. I graduated from BYU with my major in History teaching, minor in Zoology, and I almost got my dance minor, but I refused to take ballet. I went on a mission to Sydney, Australia and worked with the Vietnamese community there. After student teaching, I thought, "hell no, they don't pay teachers enough to put up with all this." Grudgingly, I came in for an interview, but I knew I wanted to teach at OCJH from the moment I walked into the school (love at first sight, I guess).