UBelong - Teaching English in Hanoi

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Work Responsibilities

- Help prepare lesson plans for each session
  - Two classes a day/ 5 times a week
- Lead the class and help students with pronunciations
- Discussion about American culture
- Facilitate debates and help them improve their speaking skills and confidence
Most Rewarding Part

- Giving students in Vietnam more hope for the future
- Realizing I am more similar to them than I expected
- Being able to empathize with them because understand how typical Vietnamese families are like
- Being able to see why the students think a certain way and trying to shed light on certain things they did not really think of
- Listening to their unique and clever perspectives and learning more from them
How my work impact the organization

- Made things more efficient by showing the local volunteers better ways to organize classes
- Gave the students more confidence in their abilities in English and other areas
- Gave insight on what it’s like to be a Vietnamese American
How work impacted my career plans

- Interested in mentoring others now
- Realized that something I care about is giving Vietnamese and other minorities a voice
How this affected my cultural awareness/personal growth

- Better understand more about where my roots came from
- Have a deeper insight on my culture and traditions
- Became better at speaking in large crowds