



Hoang Nguyen

Portland State University

Age: 20

Year: Junior

Major: Business Administration

Goal: to go into international trading with a currently developed country in SE Asia, and to connect his business success with helping people

Hoang Nguyen is on track to graduate in four years from Portland State University, and is committed to pursuing his career goals and personal goals in unison. Hoang's family immigrated to the United States when he was in third grade, as there were very few opportunities for children growing up in his family's small village in Vietnam. He excelled in Portland public schools first through ESL programs, then through his high school involvement in a wealth of clubs, activities, and Upward Bound. Hoang learned to be extremely involved with committees, groups, and academics in high school, which earned him scholarship offers at three of Oregon's public universities. He chose to attend PSU because staying in Portland allowed him to maintain and further the community involvements he had fostered in his high school years. The city campus has been a wonderful fit for him; he is challenged by his courses and delighted by the student cultural diversity in his courses, where he meets people from across the states and across the world. He is very involved in the community of his faith and connects his career goals in business management to helping disadvantaged people. Hoang is particularly inspired to help people who live in deep poverty, and says that he has promised himself that he would contribute thirty percent of any profits to the people of his childhood village in Vietnam or to others in need. He believes that "hard work pays off for anything you want to do in life" and so far, his many rewarding achievements seem to inspire Hoang to work even harder.