

Michelle Rhee: "Put students first."



- Referred to as the "champion of students"
- Works to raise education standards
- Believes that all students, no matter how rich or poor, can achieve at high levels
- Turned down high-paying job offers to found her current education non-profit organization

Michelle Rhee: Path to Success

Background

- Korean-American
- Raised in Toledo, Ohio, but also attended school in South Korea for one year
- Bachelor's degree in government from Cornell University
- Master's degree in public policy from Harvard University

Work

- 1992: Taught for 3 years at a low-income school through Teach For America
- 1997: Founder and CEO of The New Teacher Project
- 2007: Chancellor of Washington D.C. Public Schools
- 2010: Founder and CEO of StudentsFirst

Michelle Rhee: Awards and Recognition

- Advisory board member of:
 - National Council on Teacher Quality
 - National Center for Alternative Certification
- Special guest of Laura Bush at former President George W. Bush's 2008 State of the Union Address
- Recognized in the "2011 Time 100" list of the most influential people in the world



Michelle Rhee: Awards and Recognition



Michelle Rhee: Education vs. Poverty

Watch this short video clip to understand Michelle Rhee's ideas about equal access to education for all children.



Chloe Dao: "Love life, love fashion, love."



- Winner of the Emmy-nominated reality show, 'Project Runway (Season 2)'
- Opened her own boutique, *Lot 8*
- Clothes have been featured in *Lucky* magazine and other publications

Chloe Dao: Path to Success

Background

- Vietnamese-American
- Born in Pakse, Laos
- Raised in Houston, Texas
- Design program at Houston Community College
- Associate's degree in pattern-making from Fashion Institute of Technology in New York

Work

- Design assistant and production manager for Melinda Eng
- Assistant buyer for Catherine Dietlein
- Opened her own boutique, *Lot 8* (named for the 8 sisters in her family)
- Competed in and won 'Project Runway'

Chloe Dao: Awards and Recognition

- Project Runway winning prize: \$100,000 and mentorship from Banana Republic
- Featured in 'Paris By Night:' Âm Nhạc và Thời Trang
- Designs featured in the Smithsonian Museum's exhibit: *Exit Saigon, Enter Little Saigon*



Chloe Dao: Project Runway Final Collection



Betty Nguyen: "Once the idea of becoming a journalist crossed my mind, there was no turning back."



- One of the most well-known news anchors in the United States
- First Vietnamese-American to anchor a national television broadcast in the United States
- Co-founder of 'Help the Hungry,' a non-profit organization to help poor families in Vietnam

Betty Nguyen: Path to Success

Background

- Born in Saigon, Vietnam
- Ethnicity: Vietnamese and Scottish-American
- Bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism from University of Texas Austin

Work

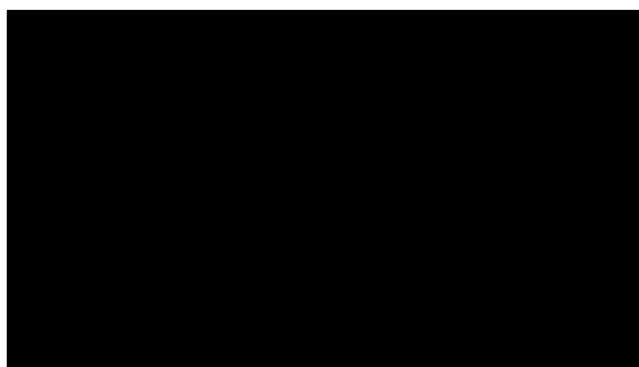
- 2004: CNN Newsroom anchor
- 2010: CBS News anchor and correspondent
- Has covered news stories in Vietnam, Mexico, Myanmar, Africa, and in various cities across the United States

Betty Nguyen: Awards and Recognition

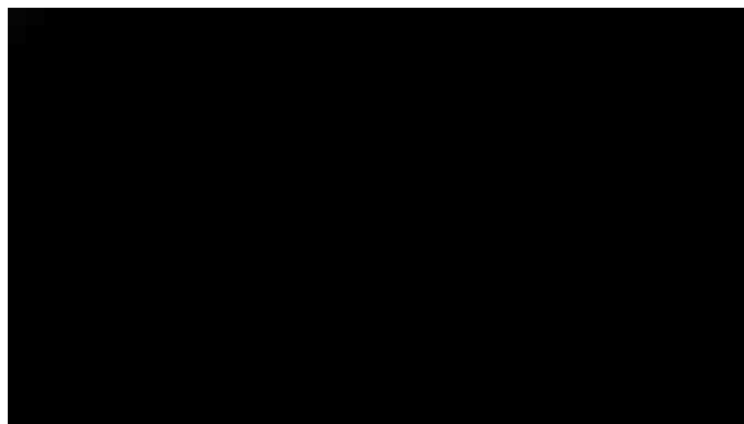
- 1998: Associated Press award for breaking news coverage
- 2003: Regional Emmy: "Outstanding Noon Newscast"
- 2003: Great Women of Texas: Women of Influence Honoree, *Fort Worth Business Press*
- 2007 Golden Torch Award recipient, an honor from the Vietnamese American National Gala



Betty Nguyen: Helping Vietnamese
Struggling to Survive



John Legend: "Wake Up" performed at a
Teach For America conference in
Washington, D.C.



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