**About The Teacher**

I am a National Board Certified Teacher in World Languages Other than English and received my BA in Spanish from North Georgia College and University, which is located in the foothills of the mountains in the town of Dahlonega, Georgia. In order to receive my degree, it was necessary for me to go to Guadalajara, Mexico to attend courses during the summer! What a wonderful experience to have had the opportunity to live there! I only wish it could have been for a longer time but this did inspire me to travel more!

For over two decades I have been teaching in Wake County (including one year in Georgia) and I've enjoyed them all! In addition to teaching, traveling is another passion… experiencing other cultures is addicting. I have had the pleasure of bringing students abroad to Europe. In 1999, we went to Spain for Easter and had the most memorable experience seeing the Pasos on Good Friday in Córdoba! In the summer of 2000, we ventured to Italy and had such a good time, I believe most of us will go back! And in June of 2001, we went to 3 countries!! England, France, and Spain!! Of all the

rewards of learning a foreign language, traveling is my personal favorite!

In addition, in January of 2001, I had the great fortune to be able to travel to Sydney, Australia! It was very exciting to be "down under" and I had hoped to connect with a high school while I was there. (However January is a part of their summer vacation!)

In the summer of 2013, I had the pleasure of returning back to Europe with my mom and daughter. We visited London, Paris, Avignon and Barcelona. What a memorable time experiencing three different cultures together with family and friends!

In 2014 we took our first cruise and visited the Bahamas and then later that summer we had lunch in Canada. Why not! We were in MI visiting family and thought it would be fun.

Traveling is truly a great investment. I haven't met a person yet who hasn't been transformed by the experience!

**Mission For The Class**

The mission for the class is to communicate in Spanish. This is done by reading, writing, listening, and above all, speaking in Spanish! My hope is that all students walk out of my classroom having the confidence to speak to a native speaker... no matter at which level they may be!