



# AWLA Featured Member **CHRISSY ROE** Spain Park High School

**\* Favorite teaching moment is ... when students listen to earlier recordings of themselves. I love to see their expressions when they realize how far they have actually come in the language.**

**\* I'm working on ... evaluating student proficiency levels. With the new standards we have tried to shift our program toward moving students up the proficiency scale. More importantly, we are trying to help students and parents understand individual accomplishments and expectations as they relate to the ACTFL scale.**

**\* I'm known for ... helping clubs carry out international service projects. We recently held a coin drive that provided school supplies to teachers in Nicaragua. When photos come back from these projects it reminds our students that a little effort on their part can mean a world of difference to someone else.**

**\* Advice for a new teacher... teaching is a marathon, not a sprint. Don't try to do everything in year one, pace yourself and if at all possible 'find a running partner'. It's much easier if you have a team to run with!**

**\* I admire ... our school administrators. Administrative responsibilities have changed drastically over the last few years. New demands and challenges keep them on their toes yet they manage to find time to support their students and teachers. The administrators at our school treat World Languages and all electives with the same enthusiasm and respect as core subjects.**

**\* I love teaching because... it allows me to introduce students to the differences around them. The more students are exposed to cultural differences, the more open they are to new thoughts and experiences. The more open they are to these ideas, the more knowledge they gain. Teaching is a chance to show the next generation that differences are not something to be afraid of but rather something to embrace.**

**\* I'm most creative ... when I have lots of time to bounce ideas off other teachers. Some of my favorite lessons have come from long road trips to FL conferences.**

**\* What do you teach and where?**

**I teach traditional and virtual Spanish classes at Spanish at Spain Park High School in Hoover, AL.**

**\* I'm currently addicted to ... using escape room type games in my classroom. My students get excited when they get to participate in this type of learning and it make class a lot of fun. I also love to teach other teachers how to use these same problem solving activities in their classroom.**

**\* I can't do without ... the colleagues that I work with. Someone once told me that the best Professional Development is the teacher next door. This is definitely true for me!**

**\* I find joy ... in spending time with my family. I love hanging out with my family and spending as much time with them as possible.**

**Whether it be vacationing out of town or simply eating dinner together, they are what keep me going!**