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## A word from our President

The school year is winding down and we are all looking forward to a well-deserved summer. We, at TWLTA, have been so excited to be able to organize mini-conferences in the East and West in April. The presentations were engaging and the participants left energized with many new ideas. We are grateful to our hosts, Farragut High School in Knoxville and Rhodes College in Memphis, and to our conference organizers for putting together such great events.

As you reflect on the school year, please think about an exciting topic you would like to share at the annual conference on November 3-4, 2023. We encourage you to attend and invite a new colleague, too. I want to take this opportunity to remind you to update your TWLTA membership prior to registering for any TWLTA-sponsored event and check out [our website](#) for more information about our awards, conferences, scholarships, and even job postings!

Raluca M. Negrisanu



### Calling all TN educators

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# Teacher Spotlight



Maureen Aguilar 

"I love teaching Spanish because together with my students we discover new places, new people, diverse identities and rich culture of the Spanish-speaking world. I have the honor to teach my mother tongue to students. Who gets the chance to do such a cool job like mine?"

## From the classroom...

### HACHI PACHI FOR THE WIN!

Introducing a new fun game at the end of the school year is a great way to energize our students. Hachi Pachi includes movements, interactions in the TL, and a surprise element that is sure to motivate even the most tired student! To learn how to play this game with your students, [CLICK HERE](#).



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CI SUMMIT - SAVANNAH GA  
JULY 10-14 2023

IFLT - ST. PETERSBURG FL  
JULY 18-20 2023

TWLTA - NASHVILLE TN  
NOV 4-5 2023

ACTFL - CHICAGO IL  
NOV 17-19 2023

## Finish the year strong

1. DON'T COAST; INSTEAD, BE MORE INTENTIONAL.
2. KEEP FIRST THINGS FIRST.
3. DRAW ON RELATIONSHIPS YOU'VE BUILT.
4. STRATEGICALLY PRIORITIZE WHAT TO TEACH.
5. DON'T PLAN TO FINISH TEACHING TOO EARLY.
6. COMMUNICATE WITH PARENTS.
7. TRY TO LEAVE THINGS AS ORGANIZED AS POSSIBLE.
8. DECIDE TO ENJOY THESE LAST DAYS.



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