Professional Goal Rachel Yu Liu 刘瑜

My short-term goal is to teach more efficiently. UVa STARTALK training program helped me fully understand the concept of "student-centered, meaningful and communicative activities". I am going to review and adjust the syllabus of my current course, implementing more student-centered, meaningful and communicative activities into the classroom. In my future class, students will have more practices to develop their interpersonal and presentational language skills. There will be more outputs in the class. Plus, using authentic materials is very important to connect students with the real world. I am going to introduce more level-appropriate authentic materials to the class, not only in the teaching process but also in the language assessment.

My long-term goal is to build up more experiences in teaching Chinese to American students of different ages, with different language levels. I am going to take some courses in education, getting more familiar with world language education in the U.S, and to publish journal papers or textbooks. Chinese language education will be my life-long career. I will do my very best to be an excellent Chinese teacher/professor.