

The logo for ATE-K features the letters 'ATE-K' in a large, blue, serif font. The letters are set against a light blue background that has a wavy, wave-like bottom edge. The 'A' and 'E' have a slightly stylized, blocky appearance.

Kansas Association of Teacher Educators

*A Letter from the ATE-K President (Fall/Winter 2023)*

Welcome to our Fall/Winter 2023 issue of the ATE-K journal, *The Advocate*! This is my first year as ATE-K president, a position I take on with immense pride and responsibility. Many thanks to Gary Andersen, our past president, Amanda Lickteig, our current vice president, Laurie Curtis, our outgoing executive director, Jill Gonzalez Bravo, our new executive director, the rest of the ATE-K board, and everyone else that has supported ATE-K in general and myself personally in this time of transition.

ATE-K is a unique organization that provides teacher educators the networks, resources, and support systems they need to be the best professional versions of themselves possible. I firmly believe that as an organization, when we're at our best, we are capable of making a considerable positive impact on Kansas education. Among the most important and unique resources that ATE-K offers is *The Advocate*.

Please take the time to thoughtfully read the articles in this most recent issue. Perhaps more importantly, however, please allow this issue to be a start point, rather than a culmination of a conversation. As a grassroots organization, ATE-K leadership and the authors that contribute to *The Advocate* would like nothing more than to facilitate a conversation about how we can continue to better Kansas education. Please consider continuing the conversation via available contact information, at our biannual conferences, or on social media via Facebook and Instagram.

Also please consider visiting our website at <https://atekan.weebly.com/> for the latest information about our conferences, efforts and activities towards impacting the state of education. If you're not a current ATE-K member but are interested in joining, please see: <https://atekan.weebly.com/membership.html>.

Finally, thanks to the co-editors of *The Advocate*, Laurie Curtis and Gary Andersen as well as all the authors and reviewers that made this issue possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Alan English'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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