

**Message from the President of ATE-K**

Greetings from ATE-K!

On behalf of the Executive Board and the membership of ATE-K, I want to express our heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Bruce Quantic, editor of the ATE-K Journal, *The Advocate*. For years, Bruce has worked tirelessly to provide a platform for peer-reviewed research, position papers, action research papers, program descriptions, and cutting-edge innovations in Kansas education. Over the next few months Bruce will begin turning over the duties of *The Advocate's* editor so he and his wife, Diane, can spend time traveling and enjoying family. We wish Bruce all the best.

Beginning last year, New Prairie Press at Kansas State University became the *Advocate's* new home. New Prairie Press provides us with valuable help without additional cost to ATE-K and we feel the open source platform will allow broader readership. We strongly encourage you to share the journal with colleagues and submit manuscripts.

I also want to thank the Kansas Teacher of the Year Team, Tammy Mitchell and Jay Scott from KSDE, 2019 Superintendent of the Year, Glen Suppes, all of our break-out presenters, and all the attendees who contributed to making the 2019 spring conference at Friends University a success! Please don't hesitate to contact us and offer suggestions or ideas for future conferences.

I sincerely hope you will take full advantage of the benefits that come with ATE-K membership. Make plans now to join us for the KACTE/ATE-K fall conference to be held at Fort Hays State University on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, and mark your calendars to attend our Spring Conference at Baker University on April 3, 2020.

Finally, continue to provide meaningful teacher preparation and learning that goes far beyond curriculum or accreditation standards. I am reminded of a quote by the Dalai Lama that I believe has significance for the times we are living in: *Education is much more than a matter of imparting the knowledge and skills by which narrow goals are achieved. It is also about opening the child's eyes to the needs and rights of others.*

Thank you for all you do,



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