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Greetings from the editors of *The Advocate*,

We hope this issue of ***The Advocate*** finds you healthy and exploring new ways to deliver and develop educator professional learning during this unprecedented time. As educators, we have the opportunity to continually reinvent our work and ourselves through reflection at the close of a semester, and this one is no different! You will find that in this issue, we have a section of articles related to how Kansas educators have responded to the challenge of teaching and learning during the pandemic (Covid-19). In this issue you will also find research articles that discuss the role educators play in preparing teacher candidates and new and innovative ways to provide content information.

Challenging circumstances can test our ability to be flexible and open to new ways of doing things! ATE-K held their first virtual conference in partnership with KACTE this past November. Each annual conference allows us to learn from and network with colleagues throughout the state regarding new and innovative practices. This year's conference was free to all ATE-K members. Our appreciation goes to Baker University in Olathe, Kansas and special thanks to Dr. Sharon Zoellner and ATE-K President, Dr. Jill Gonzales-Bravo and the conference planning team for providing a wonderful day of professional learning. We were fortunate to hear from the National Teacher of the Year, Tabatha Rosproy, who inspired us with her multi-generational teaching in Winfield, Kansas.

As you explore and develop new ways of preparing educators during this time, please consider sharing them with others by submitting a manuscript for a future issue of *The Advocate*. We value your shared insights from research, stories from the field, and reviews of books or publications that you have found relevant to our profession. Information about how you can submit your manuscripts for consideration may be found [here](#). If you are seeking additional professional learning this winter we would encourage you to consider registering for the Association of Teacher Educators virtual conference held February 14-17, 2021. More information can be found here: [Conference Information](#). We wish you the best as you head into the holiday break and welcome in a new year!

Yours in education,

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