

*A Letter from the ATE-K President (Spring/Summer 2024)*

Welcome to our Spring/Summer 2024 issue of the ATE-K journal, *The Advocate*! I've currently completed my first full year as ATE-K president. Many thanks to all ATE-K members that have made this a successful year. We have an active and motivated board that looks to do great work in promoting teacher education across the state over the next year.

If you're reading this, is probably safe to assume that you already value public education and what it can do for young people. The question may be, therefore, how can you help? Joining ATE-K is a great option. We are a grassroots organization that continually strives to contribute to education in Kansas by providing networks, research, resources, and support systems to teachers and teacher educators. There are undoubtedly an unnumerable number of ways that you could contribute to those goals. Please consider joining ATE-K today!

Among the most important and unique resources that ATE-K offers is *The Advocate*, which serves as our formal voice out to the teacher education world, disseminating research and reflections on how we can continually progress and improve. Please take the time to thoughtfully read and reflect on this issue's articles and consider how you can contribute to future issues as an author or editor.

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 cursive script that reads "Alan English".

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