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Message from the President of ATE-K

Greetings from ATE-K!

A special thank you goes out to each of our break-out presenters, speakers, and attendees who contributed to making the spring conference at Emporia State University a success! Our organization continues to grow. In fact, 20 public or private Kansas institutions of higher education were represented at the spring conference, more than ever before!

We also want to express our gratitude to Dr. Bruce Quantic, editor of the ATE-K journal, *The Advocate*. It is because of Bruce's tireless efforts and dedication that *The Advocate* continues to offer up engaging peer-reviewed research reports, position papers, action research papers, program descriptions, and innovations in education. Share the journal with colleagues and encourage them to submit a manuscript.

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 Newman University in Wichita on Friday, November 3rd, and don't miss the spring conference to be held once again at Emporia State University on Friday, April 6, 2018.

The work we do to prepare the nation's teachers has never been more critical. The importance of effective teaching in the nation's schools is receiving unprecedented attention. In 2009, President Obama said, *"From the moment students enter a school, the most important factor in their success is not the color of their skin or the income of their parents, it's the person standing at the front of the classroom."* Donald O. Clifton, former Gallup Chairman, may have said it best, *"Our greatest contribution is to be sure there is a teacher in every classroom who cares that every student, every day, learns and grows and feels like a real human being."* The contributions to teacher preparation we make today will undoubtedly serve students for generations to come.



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The ATE-K ADVOCATE

The ADVOCATE provides a forum for teacher-educators and others who have a stake in teacher education. The Advocate was begun in the 1970's by ATE-K Executive Director and past-President Stu Ervay, who initially intended it to be somewhat like the Phi Delta Kappan in terms of format and content. That included articles that stimulated innovative thinking and possible action in America's schools. "quote from Ervay" Since then the journal has focused on research, but many articles have been about best practices, new technology, assessment, curriculum innovations, trends, etc. Our last issue was over 80 pages long! Go to our website and look at our past editions.

Our journal is "online" and is linked with the National ATE organization. Our website is: atekan.org. It opens-up our journal to others around the state and in the country who may be interested to read about what we are thinking and doing. Maintaining a website is costly but worth the price. We hope to continue this service.

A \$20 membership in ATE-K is required for publishing in our journal. This enables us to communicate with everyone about what is going to happen in our organization and to become more involved in its operation. (fall and spring meetings)

Finally, we periodically change our "call for papers". Remember this is a peer-reviewed journal. Our reviewers are willing to work with authors to improve their articles by making suggestions and then asking for changes before a final decision is made about publication.

There are two publications/year, Fall/Winter and Spring/Summer. Deadlines are Nov. 10 and May 15. (variances may be made)

Articles should be sent to me at: bquantic@yahoo.com. For your information, my home address is: 1213 N.Hamilton Cir., Derby, KS 67037

Sincerely,

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Editor

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