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Greetings from ATE-K!

As the fall semester wraps up and a new year arrives, the annual cycle begins again as we continue to examine important issues in education. 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. The contributions to teacher preparation we make today will undoubtedly serve students for generations to come.

It is evident in the works highlighted in this edition of the Advocate that teacher educators are being proactive when it comes to addressing issues as we work to enhance pre-preparation experiences for our future teachers. The articles represent research and best practices that will strengthen educator preparation programs across the state.

The Association of Teacher Educators-Kansas publishes the Advocate bi-annually. Manuscript submissions include research reports, position papers, action research, descriptions of programs or practices, and innovations in education. I encourage you to share this journal with colleagues and encourage them to submit a manuscript. Information about the Advocate and the Association of Teacher Educators-Kansas (ATE-K) can be found at: <http://atekan.org>.

We continue to express our special thanks 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 make plans to join us for the ATE-K/KACTE Spring Conference to be held at Emporia State University on Friday, April 6. Our keynote speaker will be Kansas Education Commissioner Dr. Randy Watson.

We'll see you in April!

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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. Although primarily a research journal, we have accepted other forms of writing such as position papers, editorials, literature reviews, best practices, new technology, reports from the field and current trends in our state, comments from the Kansas State Department of Education, etc. Go to our website and look at the articles from our past editions. (atekan.org) We are proud to be an “online” journal. In the past we have accepted articles from our colleagues out of state and will continue to do so.

A \$20 membership in ATE-K is required for publishing in our journal. This enables us to communicate with everyone about our organization and to be involved with us as we continue to promote our programs in teacher education in Kansas. We have two meetings each school year. We partner with KACTE in these meetings. (fall and spring)

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, make suggestions, ask for a few changes and then make a final decision about publication.

Our deadline for the fall/winter edition is Nov. 10 and the deadline for our spring/summer edition is May 15. (variances may be made)

Articles should be sent (electronically) to me at: bquantic@yahoo.com. We want to work with you and know that we care about your ideas in the context of improvement of education.

Sincerely,

H. Bruce Quantic, Ed.D.
Editor

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