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Greetings from ATE-K,

Our organization is in a state of change. It seems that new initiatives are being launched regarding nearly every facet of our profession including new standards, new accreditation systems and new funding formulas. The same holds true for our K-12 partners. As mentioned at our fall conference, we need to meet change with optimism! We need to...

Communicate. We need to be in discussion about all new initiatives that we are involved with, seeking opportunities for academic discourse regarding not only the changes we are encountering but the challenges and opportunities they present.

Help our K-12 partners embrace these new changes by sending them the best-informed pre-service teachers possible, i.e. candidates who understand things such as the Rose Capacities, Individual Plans of Study, innovative tools and strategies-teachers that know how to meet the needs of all their students.

Advocate! We need to tell our stories, celebrate our successes and advocate for the profession of teaching every chance we get!

Believe that No problem is too large that it can't be addressed through collaborative efforts between our institutions and our K-12 partners. As educators, we have the professional wisdom to speak out for exemplary teaching and learning in Kansas.

Gather evidence on exemplary practice to continue to improve upon the work that we do, seeking to strengthen our programs and profession through meaningful research. Sharing this information at our state conference and journals such as *The Advocate* will be beneficial to all.

Embrace change. While it isn't always comfortable, it is inevitable. The needs of our workforce continue to change, therefore those of us preparing students for our future will see these changes. Change brings opportunity!

I hope while you enjoy this issue of *The Advocate* you find inspiration for your teaching, and are reminded to honor those who have preceded us while continuing to celebrate all that we do well.



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The ATE-K ADVOCATE

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ATE-K invites members as well as non-members to submit manuscripts on research and best practices related to: Teacher Education, Foundations, Technology, Supervision, Partnerships, Assessment, Professional Development, Curriculum, Innovations, Current Trends or "Theme Based" papers based on a tie-in with a National ATE meeting.

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Sincerely,

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This Edition of The ATE-K ADVOCATE is Dedicated to:

Dr. Donald E. Hufford, Ph.D.
10/29/1929 –9/27/2016

ATE-K member and reviewer/author

Don had a long and varied career in education. He was a retired Professor of Education at Newman University in Wichita where he taught for 24 years. He started there at age 61 when he was then the oldest professor at the University. He was a graduate of Kansas City Community College, Baker University, and the University of Kansas.

After attending Southern Methodist University in Dallas and Boston University, Don worked as a director at Morgan Memorial Youth and Children's Center in Boston's then-notorious South End. He encouraged youth to get off the streets and into an organized program, advice he continued to offer throughout his career.

Don was the founding Executive Director of Methodist Youthville at Dodge City, a residential treatment center for adolescent boys, for nearly 30 years. Don and his wife Evie had a tremendous impact on hundreds of boys, (serving as critical role models). After retiring there, Don and Evie began their post graduate work at K.U. His Ph.D. was in Philosophy of Education, his dissertation was entitled "*Polarity Thinking in the Educational Philosophy of W.E.B. Du Bois.*"

Don was a prolific writer. He published in numerous journals and made many presentations at professional societies and associations throughout the country. He served as President of the Missouri Valley Philosophy of Education Society, President of the Society of Philosophy and History of Education. He was the keynote speaker for the 2009 Drake Lecture for the Educational Foundations Society.

The Society of Philosophy and History of Education dedicated its 2014 journal to him, stating (in their dedication,) " He is a kind, thoughtful, and thinking man with experiences few educators have to bring to their teaching and scholarship. He has tread where few have had the courage and passion to pass and yet remains positive, affirming and relentlessly adamant that education improves individual lives and society at large."

"Unconditional means no conditions - past, present, or future. Worth and Dignity are the birthrights of every child. They are not earned. They cannot be lost or neglected. THEY JUST ARE." - Don Hufford

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