

Greetings from ATEK!

Advocating for Teacher Education: Impacting Research, Policy, & Practice is the national theme for the 2020 national centennial year celebration. This triad (research, policy, and practice) describes the complex capacities required of teacher educators. Teacher educators continually research to better understand the ever-changing educational landscape, we are active in advocating for the pressing needs of our communities, and we strive to continually refine our professional practice. These efforts are fueled by our commitment to equipping adaptive experts capable of meeting the diverse needs of each child within an ever-changing educational landscape. This issue contains a collection of five papers to support you in navigating the complex process of teacher preparation.

Ten-years ago I transitioned from teaching middle school to higher education. Dr. Pam Green, an ATEK past president, reached out and encouraged my participation in the organization. ATEK colleagues provided support during my transition and the organizations continues to be an integral platform for professional development. It is a privilege to work alongside ATEK's committed team of researchers, activists, and practitioners.

We hope you enjoy the benefits of ATEK membership and would like to encourage your continued involvement in this active organization. Please plan to join us for the KACTE/ATEK Spring Conference at Baker University (Overland Park Campus) on Friday, April 3, 2020 . Details, registration, and proposal submission information is located on the ATEK Website <https://atekan.weebly.com/>.

Thank you for your commitment to future teachers and the teaching profession.
With gratitude,



Dr. Jill Gonzalez-Bravo, ATE-K President, invites you to attend the upcoming state:
The Association of Teacher Educators – Kansas (ATE-K) save-the-date and proposal submission
invitation
2020 ATE-K/KACTE
SPRING CONFERENCE
ADVOCATING FOR TEACHER EDUCATION: IMPACTING RESEARCH, POLICY, &
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Friday, April 3, 2020
Baker University
7301 College Blvd.
Overland Park, KS 66210