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Abstract

A message from Dr. Gary Andersen and Dr. Laurie Curtis, editors of *The Advocate*

Greetings from the editors of *The Advocate*,

We hope this issue of *The Advocate* finds you healthy and learning new ways to deliver and develop educator professional learning during this unique period of history. Challenging situations can strengthen us. As we face challenges, we seek new solutions and ideas. As educators, we have the opportunity to continually reinvent our work and ourselves through reflection at the close of a semester, and this one is no different! We think the varied articles in this issue of *The Advocate* will provide relevant and important concepts to consider as you prepare for teaching your students in the upcoming months. In this issue you will find articles that speak to the broad range of work that your colleagues are doing—clinical practice, school and student engagement, content area professional learning and how we can learn more from our own professional feedback. We hope this issue provokes deeper thought and improved practice as we face the uncertain paths in education that are before us.

Challenging events can also test our ability to be flexible and open to new ways of doing things! Our 2020 Spring ATE-K/ KACTE conference was postponed until the fall. We anticipate the conference being held on November 6th at Baker University (Overland Park Campus) and we hope you will plan to spend the day with us. Please visit our website at <https://atekan.weebly.com/> for updated information regarding our conference and for conference registration. Our conferences allow us to learn from our colleagues throughout the state regarding new and innovative practices that help us not only navigate, but embrace, the transitions, challenges, and changes we encounter in teacher preparation.

Yes, while change can be challenging, especially in this time of the current pandemic, learning from one another remains a key element to becoming better! As you explore and develop new ways of preparing our educators during this time, please consider sharing them with others by submitting a manuscript for a future issue of *The Advocate*. We value your shared insights from research, stories from the field, and reviews of books or publications that you have found relevant to our profession. Information about how you can submit your manuscripts for consideration may be found [here](#). If you are seeking professional learning over the summer, we would encourage you to consider attending (virtually) the ATE summer conference August 7-11th. Please see: <https://www.ate1.org/2020-ate-summer-conference> for more information.

Yours in education,
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