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Letter from the Presidents: Spring/Summer 2025

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Abstract

Together, ATE-K Past-President Dr. Alan English and President Dr. Amanda Lickteig reflect on the recent spring conference, congratulate the newly-elected officers, and present readers with the spring/summer 2025 issue.

Keywords

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A Letter from the ATE-K President (Spring / Summer 2025)

As the work for the 2025 Spring/Summer edition of *The Advocate* straddled the end of Alan English's ATE-K presidency and the beginning of Amanda Lickteig's presidency we thought it would be interesting and appropriate to co-write our Letter from the President.

As we close another academic year and look ahead to new opportunities in research and practice, Amanda would like to begin by expressing her sincere gratitude to Dr. Alan English for his exceptional leadership over the past two years as the President of ATE-K. His dedication to building community, promoting the voices of educators at all levels, and fostering the professional development of early career faculty will leave a lasting impact. Most recently, Alan navigated our organization from 100% online to our first in-person conference since COVID on the campus of K-State in April where we celebrated a return to face-to-face with 25 proposed presentations and 61 registered attendees. Snapshots of that day can be found on our ATE-K Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1041369976686412>. We are fortunate that his work continues as he transitions into the role of Past-President and now also serving as Co-Editor of *The Advocate* with Dr. Gary Andersen and Dr. Laurie Curtis.

In turn, Alan would like to express his thankfulness in Amanda's willingness to step forward into an even greater leadership role within ATE-K. The organization is in great hands as Amanda will surely challenge us all to learn and grow individually while working collectively as advocates for teacher education.

We would also like to thank the members of our board whose terms recently ended while extending a warm welcome and congratulations to the newly elected (and re-elected!) members of our board, who represent five different institutions of higher education. Their energy, vision, and commitment to advancing the profession will undoubtedly contribute to the advancement of ATE-K.

- President-Elect: Reagan Murnan, Wichita State University
- Secretary: Kelsy Sproul, Kansas State University
- Board: Carissa Gober, Pittsburg State University
- Board: Seth Lickteig, Kansas State University
- Board: Sandra Bequette, Emporia State University
- Board: Linda Feldstein, Fort Hays State University

This issue of *The Advocate* marks an important period of transition on our profession's evolving context. As artificial intelligence permeates educational policy and practice, we find ourselves navigating new terrain and pedagogical possibilities. The pieces in this edition echo a central theme: the enduring human qualities of vulnerability, empathy, and resilience. These traits—

often overlooked in technology-centered discourse—remain foundational to our work as educators and researchers.

Looking ahead, we invite manuscripts for our Fall/Winter 2025 issue, which can be submitted at <https://atekan.weebly.com/journal.html>. We are particularly interested in work that showcases the work that educators at all levels are engaging in. We encourage scholars from all stages of their careers to contribute—book reviews, classroom snapshots, reflective pieces, research studies, and more. And, as always, thank you for reading, sharing, and supporting our journal.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan English". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alan" and last name "English" clearly distinguishable.

Alan English, Ph.D.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda Lickteig". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Amanda" and last name "Lickteig" clearly distinguishable.

Amanda Lickteig, Ph.D.