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Exterior of ATE's new office in Manassas Park, Virginia

ATE Moves to New Office

The Association of Teacher Educators has moved to its new office in Manassas Park, effective June 1, 2006. Please note the following contact information:

All mail should be sent to ATE, P.O. Box 793, Manassas, VA 20113.

Deliveries (UPS, FedEx, etc.) can be sent to our office address: ATE, 8503 Euclid Ave., Suite 4, Manassas Park, VA 20111-1500.

New telephone is (703) 331-0911.

New fax is (703) 331-3666.

We apologize for confusion created by previous communications. We were not able to keep our old phone number as we had previously been told, and the U.S. Postal Service recommended that we obtain a P.O. Box number for best delivery. If you have had mail addressed to ATE returned to you, please resend it to the P.O. Box number above.

Washington Congress Registration

Registration forms for ATE's National Congress on Teacher Education, set for October 13-15, 2006, in Washington, are being sent to members with this newsletter. For more information, see pages 2 and 3.

Paese, Alouf, Barnes, Wood Join Board



Left to right, President Elect-Elect Paul Paese, At-Large Board members-elect James Alouf and Deborah Barnes, and College/University Board member-elect Ann Wood.

Results of ATE's 2006 elections have been tabulated, and Paul Paese, James Alouf, Deborah Barnes and Ann Wood will officially join the ATE Board of Directors at the February 2007 Annual Meeting in San Diego.

President Elect-Elect Paul Paese is Associate Dean/Professor, Department of HPER, Texas State University-San Marcos.

A member of ATE for 20 years with degrees from Ohio State (Ph.D.) and Bowling Green (B.S. and M.A.), Paul has served the association in several capacities from Board of Directors (2003-06) to Chair of National Field Directors. In Texas he has been Chair of the Consortium of Teacher Education organizations (CSOTTE 2003-04) and President/Executive Director of the ATE Texas unit. While he was state unit President, Texas was named the outstanding ATE unit. Paul was also on the planning committee for the Texas Congress on Teacher Education. Over the years at Texas State University-San Marcos he has been the College nominee for the University teaching, scholarship and service awards.

Representative at Large-Elect James L. Alouf (term through 2010) is Professor of Education, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Virginia.

He has been a member of ATE since 1994. He is a member of the ATE-VA Executive Committee and a representative to the Delegate Assembly for five years.

He has also been chair of Legislative and Governmental Relations for the past six years. As chair, he helped to create a position framework based upon the mission statement of ATE and the continuing resolutions of the organization. The framework was the result of collaboration among Legislative and Governmental Relations, the Council of Unit Presidents, and the Resolutions Committee. He currently serve as a member of the Steering Committee for the Second National Congress.

Representative at Large-Elect Deborah L. Barnes (term through 2010) is Director of Field Experience and NCATE Coordinator, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas.

She is involved with public school personnel and the Arkansas Department of Education through her work as a Pathwise Mentor Trainer and Praxis III Assessor. She has also taught special education courses and supervised student interns. Debbie served as the 2003 President of the Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators and the 200 I President of the Arkansas Association of Teacher Educators. In addition, she has served on state, regional, and national ATE planning committees. She will be the Planning Committee Chair for the ATE Summer Conference in Milwaukee in 2007

College/University Representative-Elect Ann L. Wood (term through 2010) is Assistant Professor, Charter College of

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Keynoters, Special Sessions for Philadelphia

ATE's 2006 Summer Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Penn's Landing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 29-August 2, 2006. Theme for the Summer Conference will be "Reinventing the Educational Landscape: Renewing Hope, Heart and Vision for Teachers, Learners and Communities."

Keynote Speakers

Keynote Speakers for the Philadelphia Summer Conference will include:



Lindamichellebaron, a former New York City public school teacher. She is an author and poet. Her books include "The Rhythm & Dues," "For the Love of Life," and "Anthony Ant and Grady Grasshopper."



Philadelphia.



Congressman Chaka Fattah is a nationally recognized lawmaker serving in his sixth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. He represents the Second Congressional District of Pennsylvania. He is the highest-ranking African American elected in Pennsylvania.

Summer Conference Featured Sessions

Featured sessions include

- "State of the ATE Commission of Quality Leaders for Novice Teachers"
- "The Magic of Collaboration"
- "Professional Development Schools: What Do they Really Accomplish?"
- "Teacher Diversity: Recruiting and Retaining Teachers of Color"
- "ATE's Leadership Academy's Progress Report"

Complete information on the Summer Conference and online registration available at ATE's website, www.ate1.org.

Second National Congress on Teacher Education



"Bad Hair Days" -- Self portrait by Michael Brown, Ricky Brown, Colton Love, and Haley Pruitt, 4th-6th grade students at Clinton Public Schools - Scotland Campus, Arkansas. Teacher: Penelope McMillion; Principal: Dale Stokes

The Second National Congress on Teacher Education will be held October 13, 14 and 15, 2006, at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001.

The Association of Teacher Educators is pleased to announce the Second National Congress on Teacher Education. The purpose of this meeting is to examine what we know and need to know to ensure high-quality teaching and teacher education in the United States, and to develop an action plan to get where we need to go. This will be a roll-up-your-sleeves working meeting with most of the time spent in cross-roles discussion groups.

Invited individuals representing university/college and school-based educators; local, state, and federal level policymakers; parent, community, and business representatives; experts from related human services professions and foundation officials will meet in Washington D.C. on October 13, 14, and 15, 2006 at the Hyatt Regency Washington Hotel on Capitol Hill.

A second National Congress on Teacher Education will attempt to explore

these and other issues being raised. The theme of this Event is

"NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND: ARE WE ASSESSING THE RIGHT STUFF?"

Questions central to this discussion include the following:

- In light of the priorities established by the Leave No Child Behind Act, can a balanced curriculum be established for students that works to establish high academic goals as well as good character development? If so, how? If not, why not?
- What is it about the "Whole Child" that we are not studying from the perspective of various constituencies?
- What alternative or supplemental assessments help inform school programming and assessment of student learning?
- Do these assessments account for the diversity in our population?
- What kinds of assessment do individuals from various fields/ disciplines find most helpful in assessing the Whole Child?
- To what extent are teachers being prepared in our colleges and universities to respond to the priorities established by families, communities, and local, state, and federal agencies?

Speakers, as well as Congress participants, will be asked to address these as well as related topics. The ideas generated by these discussions will be tabulated and put forth in a working document distributed to all of interest. It is hoped that that this document will become an action statement for all who participate in the dialogue that establishes educational policy for our nations classrooms.

An important product of this meeting will be a publication containing recommendations and action plans for changes leading to the alignment of teacher development, national goals, and high standards. Clearly, such an ambitious agenda requires the best thinking and strongest commitments from all constituencies, working together, if we are to succeed in grasping the opportunities and overcoming the challenges that face us in improving teaching and teacher education and, ultimately, student learning. We believe that this meeting will contribute greatly to building the new understandings and new

New Members Elected to ATE's Board of Directors

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Education, California State University, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

Since 1997, Ann L. Wood has conducted ATE presentations, published, and helped write the ATE Policy Framework. Currently, she serves on the ATE Leadership Academy, National Commission on Mentoring and Induction, Government and Legislative Committee, 2007 Conference Planning Committee, and 2006 Delegate Assembly.

Ann teaches at CSULA and is recipient of one of ten 2005 \$100,000 state grants. She has 12 years of induction experience and has been a Colorado Department of Education Consultant, psychiatric hospital school principal, and K-12 teacher in Detroit, Washington DC, and Denver.

Dr. Wood earned her Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Michigan.

FATE Call for Proposals

The Florida Association of Teacher Educators invites you to submit proposals for the FATE Annual Conference, September 28-30, 2006, at the Sheraton Safari Hotel - Orlando, Florida. Deadline for submission of proposals is Saturday, July 15, 2006.

The annual FATE conference addresses interests of teachers, teacher educators, mentor teachers, preservice teachers, students of education, district personnel, professional development providers, and other individuals who work to improve the educational experiences of children.

Proposals relating to the theme "Collaborative Partnerships: Making Connections to Enhance Teacher Quality and Student Learning" may address school or district-based initiatives or programs, teacher preparation issues or innovations, practitioner-based or empirical research studies, or school or university best practices strategies.

All proposals will be peer-reviewed and authors will be notified of acceptance status by Tuesday, August 15, 2006.

Proposals must be submitted electronically. Submission information is included at FATE's website, www.fate1.org.

SRATE Annual Conference in November

The 53rd Annual Conference of the Southeast Regional Association of Teacher Educators will be held November 2-4, 2006, in Baltimore, Maryland. Theme of the conference is "Teacher Educators: Advocating Achievement for All Students."

Call for proposals and registration information are available at SRATE's website, www.srate.org.

See You in Philadelphia!

Don't miss ATE's 2006 Summer Conference, July 30-August 3, 2006, at the Hyatt Regency at Penn's Landing, Philadelphia, PA. Online registration and complete information is available at ATE's website, www.ate1.org.

New Standards Coming

ATE developed and disseminated Standards for Teacher Educators almost ten years ago. The standards are available on the ATE website.

Three years ago President Frances van Tassel appointed a Commission to review the standards and to develop a process for using the standards for assessment. The Commission has been reappointed by President Jane McCarthy for another three years to continue the developmental process.

In the first three years, the Commission presented at each of the ATE national meetings to solicit input from those who attended the sessions. A cohort of teacher educators developed by

the Commission used the standards to review their own professional lives. Through both of these activities information was obtained about the standards and how they can be used.

At this time the Commission members are revising the standards and will make them available for comment during the next year. In addition, the Commission is developing strategies for promoting the standards for use in other ATE activities and by individual teacher educators.

If you have suggestions and comments about the standards, send them to the Commission in care of the Chair, Robert Fisher, at rlfisher@ilstu.edu.

Second National Congress

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partnerships that will be needed to get the job done.

In addition to the working groups, the program will feature:

- The National Teacher of the Year
- Representatives from the United States Congress

- Leading authorities on the No Child Left Behind legislation
- Developers and consumers of standardized tests used as evaluative tools in schools throughout our nation.

Registration Fee

The Early Bird registration fee of \$300, which will rise to \$350 after September 15, 2006, includes two continental breakfasts, two lunches, and a cocktail party/reception. Hill visits on Thursday will be coordinated by ATE staff at no additional charge.

Registration brochures have been mailed to all ATE members as well as others responsible for education policy.

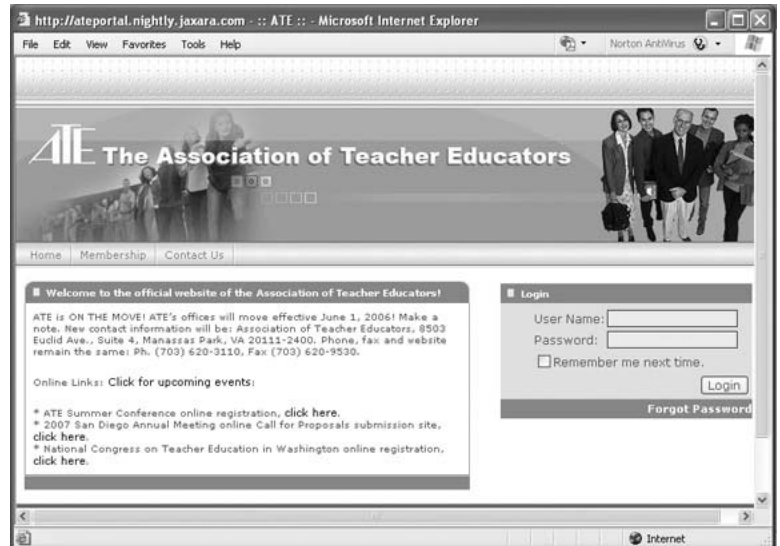


New Members-Only Web Page Ready for Launch

ATE's new Members-Only web page is in the final phases of review, and the preliminary page with most features should be launched very soon. The revised web page will offer the following benefits:

- Access to individual member records. Each ATE member will be able to see his or her member record and make any necessary corrections or address changes as needed.
- Contact information for other ATE members. Members will be able to see contact information for other ATE members. Members will be able to indicate what information they would like to allow in this online directory; if a member doesn't want his or her office phone or email available, it can be blocked. Some information, including home addresses, phone numbers, and financial records, will not be available in this directory.
- Available soon will be a "Site Builder" that will allow Special Interest Groups, committees, state units and others to create their own mini website communities within ATE's website. They will be able to communicate with other members of the communities, post articles or documents for review within the community website, and allow non-members to see selected items for review. The community websites will also allow coordinators of each community to communicate with all members of the community quickly and easily and to schedule meetings, conference calls, and other communications.

ATE's membership database will be kept within this



revised Members Only website and will be linked to the online events registration site, online membership application and renewal, and online dues billing. ATE will continue to use the highest security available for any online financial transactions.

Members will soon be receiving instructions and one-time usernames and passwords to gain access to the new site. Once they visit it, they can change their username and password as they wish.

Any questions about the new site can be directed to David Ritchey, ATE Executive Director, (703) 331-0911 or dritchey@ate1.org.

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