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## **Association of Teacher Educators Announces Dr. Judy Beck as 2026 Spring Faculty Fellow**

**Manassas, VA – February 25, 2026** — The **Association of Teacher Educators (ATE)**, a national professional organization dedicated to advancing high-quality teacher education, proudly announces the appointment of **Dr. Judy Beck** as the **2026 ATE Spring Faculty Fellow**.

The ATE Faculty Fellowship is a highly selective national leadership appointment designed to engage an accomplished teacher education leader in advancing strategic initiatives that strengthen ATE’s mission and drive organizational systems change. Through this immersive experience, the Faculty Fellow contributes to the long-term sustainability and impact of the Association while developing expanded national leadership capacity.

“Dr. Beck brings the kind of leadership and collaborative spirit that the Faculty Fellowship was created to support,” said Dr. Alisa Chapman, Chief Executive Officer of ATE. “Her work will help strengthen important connections across our association—supporting State and Regional Units, cultivating leadership pathways, and building durable systems that expand ATE’s impact across teacher education.”

### **A Strategic Focus on State and Regional Unit Vitality**

As the 2026 Faculty Fellow, Dr. Beck will play a pivotal role in advancing ATE’s efforts to strengthen connection, communication, and strategic alignment between the national organization and its State and Regional Units. Her work will support initiatives designed to help affiliated units thrive, grow, and remain sustainable within an evolving educational landscape. “Effective communication and strong organizational ties are essential to the success of ATE’s State and Regional Units. The Council of Unit Presidents is excited to work with Dr. Beck as Faculty Fellow, as her leadership will support alignment, strengthen unit voices, and enhance collaboration between the units and the ATE national office,” said Dr. Abbie Strunc, Chair of the ATE Council of Unit Presidents.

## A National Leadership Partnership

The ATE Faculty Fellowship is structured as a three-way partnership among ATE, the Faculty Fellow, and the fellow's home institution. This structure creates a mutually beneficial arrangement in which ATE gains project deliverables and new insights, the fellow gains leadership experience, and the institution benefits from the fellow's national perspective and applied learning. The fellowship also includes defined expectations such as a scholarly contribution, a webinar presentation, and conference attendance for two consecutive years beginning with the meeting held during or immediately following the fellowship year. "I am honored to be selected as ATE's 2026 Faculty Fellow," said Dr. Judy Beck. "This role allows me to contribute to the kind of systems-level work that supports strong professional communities, cultivates leadership, and ensures State and Regional Units are positioned for long-term success."

## Advancing ATE's National Impact

By strengthening organizational frameworks, enhancing leadership pathways, and advancing collaboration across its national network, the 2026 Spring Faculty Fellowship underscores ATE's commitment to innovation, sustainability, and excellence in teacher education.

Through Dr. Beck's leadership, ATE continues to invest in the future of educator preparation, ensuring that professional communities remain connected, vibrant, and positioned to meet the evolving needs of the profession nationwide.

For more information about ATE's Faculty Fellowship, visit [www.ate1.org/faculty-fellowship](http://www.ate1.org/faculty-fellowship)

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## About the Association of Teacher Educators

Founded in 1920, the Association of Teacher Educators is a national individual membership organization devoted solely to the improvement of teacher education for both school-based and post-secondary teacher educators. ATE advances educator preparation through professional development, scholarship, leadership cultivation, and collaboration among PK–12 and higher education partners across the United States.



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