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**Advocacy: Advancing, Transforming, and Energizing our
Commitments to Education**

ATE President 2024-25 Cheryl Torrez

**Collective Inquiry: Using the Whole Conference for Inquiry;
Uplifting the Theme and Strands of Advocacy**

During 2022-23 and 2023-24, the ATE Inquiry Initiative Task Force offered various opportunities for ATE members and conference attendees to meet to explore issues and to develop research plans investigating those issues extending across multiple years. ATE President 2024-25, Cheryl Torrez's vision during her presidential term is for ATE members and conference attendees to take time to reflect on the ideas, insights, and inspirations gleaned from the session presentations and keynote speakers focused on Advocacy in Denver. As noted in her theme and strands, Advocacy encompasses all aspects of our personal, professional, and pedagogical experiences, expertise, interests, and intentions.

All ATE members and conference attendees are invited to participate in the Collective Inquiry. After you register for the ATE 2024 Summer Conference in Denver, you will receive an email encouraging you to complete an electronic form providing the Collective Inquiry facilitators (Tom Conway and Liz Ward) with information related to your interests. Knowing your interests in advance of the conference allows Tom and Liz to prepare for Denver. Please know that you are welcome to participate in Collective Inquiry if you do not complete the electronic form.

During the ATE 2024-25 Summer Conference in Denver, sessions will be scheduled for you to learn more about the organic nature and co-constructed qualities of Collective Inquiry. Time and space will be made available for you to engage in meaningful conversations with ATE members and conference attendees who share your interests and intentions. Likewise, you are welcome to create your own time and space with colleagues aligned with your interests and intentions.

The hope of Collective Inquiry is to continue your conversations, connect with Advocacy, collaborate with colleagues, conduct research, and commit to submitting a proposal to present at the ATE 2025 Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Then we will see you at the featured sessions dedicated to Collective Inquiry presentations related to the theme and strands of Advocacy.

