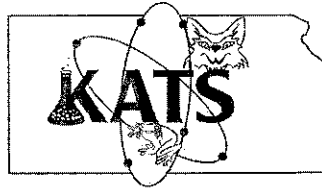


KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF SCIENCE
Celebrating 50 Years of Sharing Science for Kansas
ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 21-23, 2017



Dear Kansas Science Teacher,

What were you doing in 1967? You remember 1967, the year that Aretha Franklin recorded "Respect". The year that Carl Yastrzemski won the Triple Crown of baseball, and Bigfoot was [supposedly] caught on tape in California. In April that year, while thousands of people across the country were demonstrating against the Vietnam War, science teachers in Kansas organized KATS and planned the first KATS Kamp. There were a number of benchmarks reached in the space race to the moon that year, and if we could be flies on the wall at Kamp in 1967, I'll bet the excitement about science in our state was bubbling over. This spring, we want to invite you to join us to remember and celebrate the collegiality and the educational network that is KATS and that has persisted for 50 years.

In keeping with our 50-year anniversary, we want to look both to those on whose shoulders we stand, but also ahead to the future with our early-career teachers and the many students whose lives we touch every day. President-Elect Carol Bonham has put together a powerful list of speakers for next spring. She and her committee are working to obtain commitments from those individuals, and are in the middle of detailed planning for our spring meeting. Check back on our website around Thanksgiving 2016 for an announcement of the speakers to be featured next spring, as well as some of the programming highlights we are planning.

We are looking forward to being a part of your professional activity this academic year. KATS Kamp will send you home with something you can use with your students the next week, and through the year. That has always been the wonderful thing about this event: The colleagues you meet in April will send you back to your students enriched and energized, and you will give them ideas and inspiration in return. That's how KATS works. Pass this invitation along to one or more of your science colleagues and plan to make it a fun and professionally valuable retreat next April.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Dixie', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dixie L. Smith, KATS President 2016-2017
Pittsburg State University