

April 15, 2026

Dear Colleagues:

Please join the Teaching and Educational Leadership faculty and staff on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. in Crabaugh 216 to celebrate a successful 2025-2026 academic year and to say farewell to two special people in our department.

First, we will say a heartfelt goodbye to Dr. John Freeman as he begins his retirement at the end of this semester. Dr. Freeman joined the ATU faculty 11½ years ago as director of the Education Doctorate (Ed.D.) program. Dr. Freeman has been a respected advocate for advanced studies in educational leadership ever since.

Second, we will celebrate our TEL administrative specialist, Lydia Rogers, as she steps into her new role as a school counselor—an exciting and well-deserved next chapter. In addition to serving as a trusted friend and mentor to faculty, staff, and students, Ms. Rogers has been the director of ATU’s chapter of Educator Rising and our annual Educators Rising regional conference.

We hope that you will join us to celebrate together on May 4.

Please RSVP by April 23: [etreadway@atu.edu](mailto:etreadway@atu.edu).

Sincerely,

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