

EDITORS' LETTER

Hello Readers,

As we leaf through the freshly printed pages of this journal, an excitement fills through us because the combined efforts of authors, the Undergraduate Research Journal team, and our supporters are finally centralized in this publication. We would like to give a special thanks to each and every contributor, past and present, for making this journal what it is today. Reaping in the fruits of our collective labor has epitomized the joy of being Co-Editors in Chief. In URJit's mission we take pride in the interdisciplinary aspect of research, because it is an integral component of the Humanities and Social Sciences as well as the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics fields. We were able to witness this manifestation first hand after accepting our first ever architecture research experience and psychology literature review submission!

Research benefits all students because it resonates with the quest for knowledge, a pursuit that is never ending. We can only advance our world if we are aware of the fundamental groundwork that has been laid out before us by other researchers in the global community. Our vision for the future of Illinois Institute of Technology is to resurrect the Research Help Office in conjunction with the Undergraduate Research department. We hope that the Undergraduate Research department will be able to help us support undergraduate research here on campus in a myriad of ways. The focal point includes consolidating all of the research opportunities on campus through an easily accessible interface that would allow students to apply to different places via a single domain. URJit has a lot in store for the future and we're ready to tackle such exciting prospects. Thank you for taking your time to support us by reading our journal and know that we always welcome you with open arms to join our team. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

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