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## **Letter from the Dean**

### **Students Address Real-World Issues While Demonstrating Research and Problem-Solving Skills**

The Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences is focused on improving the quality of life for Arkansans by preparing students for successful careers, conducting impactful research, and sharing knowledge. The *Discovery* undergraduate research journal provides an opportunity to highlight the work of our talented students and the work that they have completed inside and outside of the classroom. Many of our outstanding faculty work with these students to produce the work you will find within.

We encourage undergraduate research by awarding undergraduate research grants. Our students compete for research and travel grants awarded by the University of Arkansas Honors College and the Arkansas Department of Higher Education SURF grants program. Projects may be designed to meet the requirements for an honors project in the Bumpers College Honors Program. One of our goals is to prepare students to be responsible leaders with strong communication skills and problem-solving abilities. Inside this issue you will discover research studies from across the college that highlight and exemplify those qualities.

Congratulations to the student authors, and a sincere THANK YOU to the faculty mentors and editors who make this year's issue of the journal possible. We are pleased and proud to present their results and findings in a citable publication as a service to them and to all our readers.



***Lona Robertson***

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lona Robertson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Lona Robertson, Professor and Interim Dean  
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and Life Sciences