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A Message from the Editorial Board

This is the 16th issue of *Discovery*, highlighting another year of undergraduate research accomplishments. This might be our most exciting issue ever!

Discovery was first published in the fall, 2000. I had the honor of serving as faculty editor for seven years. The first issue contained eight articles from six academic departments, and totaled forty-six pages. Our goal was to open an avenue for undergraduates to participate in the entire research experience: develop a relationship with a mentor, then plan, execute and conclude a research study. *Discovery* provided the last step, publication, the true measure of follow through. Seeing your name in print! This is always exciting to a young researcher and writer.

Discovery has come a long way. One could likely write pages of stories about students who had the opportunity to conduct research and publish in *Discovery* in the last 15 years, who then went on to pursue great professional achievements, many attending graduate school, and are now making major impacts in the world. This issue shares results of findings from our newest array of outstanding scholars. And, it is substantially larger, with a total of 112 pages of articles. That is quite the record of growth.

Very exciting is the inclusion of five articles from students and mentors in the School of Human Environmental Sciences. The topics reported in the current issue from HESC students include articles on food policy, breakfast nutrition, destination marketing, childhood obesity, and apparel packaging. This reflects a strong commitment in the School towards research.

Further, there are articles across a range of other topics including those in Environmental Sciences and sustainability reporting research on ecological restoration and habitat assessment, as well as compost processing and quality. Other studies in this area include aquatic nutrient competition and earthworm impacts in wheat and soybean production. Unique reports are also found on experiences of farmer's market families and hunger relief/food donation program missions. Two studies in Animal Science include a report on tall fescue intake and digestibility and one evaluating bull sperm motility responses. Finally, a report from Food Science shares results on chocolate paste production and characterization.

Discovery provides the final step in the research adventure, sharing results with others. Some might say "it is not finished until it is shared and reported," and they would be right. These articles reflect this noble final goal. This group of student authors will be tomorrow's leaders. I hope you rejoice with me in their accomplishments!



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