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***DISCOVERY* Expanded To Feature More Student Research**

The Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences is devoted to preparing our students for professional careers in the businesses associated with foods, agriculture and human quality of life. Our programs offer students value-added opportunities promoting their abilities as leaders, innovators, policy makers and entrepreneurs to make them first-choice candidates of prospective employers.



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We are proud of our students and their accomplishments. The *DISCOVERY* undergraduate journal highlight just a few of those value-added learning opportunities by featuring results of research projects completed in partnership with faculty mentors.

The journal encourages students to engage beyond the classroom, offers an outlet to share results and findings in a citable publication, and provides a service to the college, the university, our friends and supporters, and society as a whole.

We encourage student research by awarding undergraduate research grants. Our students have been competitive for research and travel grants awarded by the Honors College and the Arkansas Department of Higher Education. Many projects are designed to meet the requirements for an honors thesis in the Bumpers College Honors Program and some have been funded by our Undergraduate Creative Projects/Research Grants Program.

We are pleased to present the exceptional work of our students. This year's *DISCOVERY* is the largest in the history of the publication, which is a testament to the quality of our students, our faculty mentors and their research. Congratulations to the student authors, and thank you to the faculty mentors and editors of this year's journal.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Vayda". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael Vayda, Dean and
Associate Vice President-Academic Programs