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## Letter from the Dean

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The *DISCOVERY* journal provides a reporting outlet for our student scholars and scientists. It does not supersede publication elsewhere, but it does provide a forum for students and faculty to share their results and findings in a citable publication.

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Many undergraduate research projects are designed to meet the requirements of an honors thesis in the Bumper College Honors Program, which enables our students to enrich their educational experience and provide a very tangible service to society in the process.

We are proud to present these articles as examples of the work of our undergraduate students. I heartily congratulate the student authors and extend thanks to their faculty mentors and to the editors who reviewed their manuscripts.

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