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## Letter from the Dean

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## Letter from the Dean

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Our second edition of the *Discovery* journal could just as well be named *Opportunity*. It represents the abundant opportunity in the Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences for undergraduate students to work with faculty mentors and graduate students on research and creative projects.

*Discovery* provides the opportunity for our scholars to publish the results of their work. In the academic world, publication is stressed as the culmination of scholarly activity that contributes to a body of knowledge. By providing details of how a project is conducted and a careful analysis of results, the author invites other researchers to examine the conclusions and see if they fit as pieces of the puzzle on which they are working.

*Discovery* provides a showcase for the accomplishments of these student authors and for the dedication of their mentors. Congratulations authors! Thank you mentors! We are proud of you.

*Discovery* illustrates another point that we can't make too often—the synergy created by the linkage of Division of Agriculture research and extension programs with the academic programs of the College. These articles are prime examples of how the education our students receive is impacted by the work of their professors as Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station scientists.

Many of the student authors are enrolled in the Bumpers College Honors Program, which encourages scholarly work beyond the normal course work. Simply put, Honors Program students can get more from their education by putting more into it.

This second issue of *Discovery* includes an article from a study of the architectural heritage of Fayetteville. Scholarly work considered for publication is not restricted to projects normally associated with agriculture or laboratory-based research. We invite manuscripts on social science and creative projects from disciplines that make up the School of Human Environmental Sciences, which is a major part of the Bumpers College.

Another article in this issue is by first- and second-year undergraduate students who completed an innovative course in which the faculty teach methods they are using for their own scientific research. The students conducted experiments that provide insight into the immune response of turkey poults to a protozoan parasite.

*Discovery* is a clear example of our commitment in the Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences to the University of Arkansas vision of a nationally competitive, student-centered research university serving Arkansas and the world.



*Gregory J. Weidemann*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GJ Weidemann'.

Gregory J. Weidemann, Interim Dean and  
Associate Director, Arkansas Agricultural  
Experiment Station