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Letter from the Faculty and Managing Editors

This represents the second year that I have had the honor of serving as editor of this publication. I continue to be impressed with the broad scope of projects that students are conducting in the Dale Bumpers College of Agriculture, Food and Life Sciences, in conjunction with the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture's Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station.

This year we would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Division and college faculty who mentor undergraduate students conducting these research projects. In particular, we want to give a big THANK YOU to Dr. Mary Savin who in addition to teaching, conducting environmental science research, supervising graduate students, and actively mentoring undergraduate students who desire research experience, was the longest-serving faculty editor of *Discovery* for 9 years, from 2010 to 2018.

She succeeded the first and second editors, Dr. John Clark (editor from 2000 to 2006) and the late Dr. Teddy Morelock (editor from 2007 to 2009) who laid the foundation for the strong and dynamic publication we have today. Dr. Savin successfully guided the publication through changes in the types of projects that were required of Honors students, changes to the funding model for the publication, and in her last year, helped the Managing Editor to transition journal management to the UAScholarWorks website. She devoted countless hours to working with students from across the college on their first trip through the publication process. She is a master of giving students critical guidance and forcing them to meet our high standards for publication. No one forced her to take this role—she volunteered—and her efforts are immensely appreciated. She continues as a faculty mentor, acting in that capacity for three articles in this issue alone.

All the faculty represented in these pages 'volunteered' to take on this extra responsibility of mentoring these undergraduate students. This publication reflects untold hours of commitment on the faculty's part reviewing proposals, assisting with data collection, going through statistical analyses, and finally reading and rereading manuscripts. Time is often my most valuable commodity, and I do not think I'm unique; so thank you to Dr. Savin and all the faculty who took the time to work with students whose work is presented in these pages.



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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth B. Kegley".

Gail Halleck, Managing Editor, *Discovery* Journal

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