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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.

We encourage student research by awarding undergraduate research grants. Our students also have been very competitive for research and travel grants awarded by the University of Arkansas Honors College and the Arkansas Department of Higher Education. Many undergraduate research projects are designed to meet the requirements of an honors thesis in the Bumpers College Honors Program.

The nine articles in this 10th annual volume of DISCOVERY cover areas of crop management; animal science; agricultural marketing; dietetics; agricultural systems technology management; human nutrition; and food science.

We are proud to present these articles as examples of the research accomplishments of our undergraduate students. I heartily congratulate the student authors on their accomplishments and extend thanks to their faculty mentors.

Lalit Verma, Interim Dean and Associate Vice President--Academic Programs