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A Letter from the Editors

The Vanderbilt Undergraduate Research Journal (VURJ) has a long-standing tradition of highlighting excellent student research of all disciplines. We are proud to continue this tradition, especially after our hiatus from 2015 to 2021. This year we are excited to publish 7 articles from a wide array of disciplines, including biology, psychology, history, and English. All articles underwent an extensive review and revision process led by our talented and hard-working review board and later our copy-editing team.

VURJ is incredibly fortunate to see the unwavering commitment of the Vanderbilt undergraduate student body to furthering their interests both in and out of the classroom. Research is an integral part of the community at Vanderbilt, and we encourage everyone to become involved. We hope that through the publication of, and interaction with, our journal, research becomes less intimidating and demystified.

We would like to thank Dr. John Bradley at the Writing Studio for leading our reviewer workshop and copy editor workshop. His expertise and guidance have been vital in helping us prepare our wonderful board and committee members with the review and publication process.

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