

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It is with great pleasure that I present the new volume of the Indiana University South Bend Undergraduate Research Journal. This volume of the Undergraduate Research Journal will mark the fifteenth year the journal has been publishing original student research. The journal continues to strive to accomplish its mission of promoting undergraduate research at Indiana University South Bend and celebrating our undergraduate colleagues for their academic accomplishments.

The publication of this volume would not be possible without the tireless work and dedication of various individuals, who I would like to now thank. Firstly, we would like to thank the Publications Board for the guidance they provided and the Student Government Association for the funding that made this publication possible. I extend my gratitude towards Scott Strittmatter, IUSB's director of Student Life and supporter of student involvement as well as Debbie Richards, expert in all things purchasing. Many thanks to Dr. Peter Bushnell, our faculty advisor and mentor, who was ready with an answer for every question I had and never doubted the journal's success for a moment. Sincere appreciation to all the editing staff for all they did in the reviewing and editing process, and to the artist who developed our cover. Special thanks to the Undergraduate Research Journal of History and their editor in chief Jason Rose, for all their support. Thanks also to StamPrint for printing the journal and doing it wonderfully. I offer my thanks to the faculty members that encouraged their students to submit their work. Finally, I would like to thank all the students who graciously submitted their paper to the journal despite not being selected for the final publishing. The research undertaken by the students continues to contribute to IUSB's body of academic knowledge.

This year's journal will consist of twenty one papers and they are but a drop in the ocean of scholarly work undertaken by the students at IUSB. It was a challenging task to select only twenty one, when this year's journal submissions were largely strong academic papers. I encourage students to continue in this academic spirit of research, for the pursuit of knowledge never ends.

Sincerely,

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Editor in Chief