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To the University of Kansas Community,

We would like to thank you for reading the inaugural issue of the University of Kansas Journal of Undergraduate Research (JUR). The JUR is a biannual peer-reviewed publication of undergraduate research at KU from a range of academic fields. The purpose of the JUR is to provide an avenue for undergraduates to publish their original research. Despite the large amount of research performed by undergraduates at KU, there exists no method of publishing research through the University. A number of students are able to successfully submit their research to specialty, national, and international journals, but it is rare that undergraduate research can be obviously and easily presented to the KU community.

The JUR demands a high level of quality from its submissions. At the same time, the JUR requires submissions to be easily accessible to the general public. We hope that the unique research published in the JUR will transcend academic boundaries and encourage undergraduates at KU to pursue research initiatives of their own.

In this issue, in addition to six reports of original research done by undergraduates, we have a feature on current KU professor Dr. Paul Hanson regarding undergraduate research in the Chemistry Department.

Publishing the inaugural issue of the JUR was a difficult, though ultimately rewarding task. This is our first publication experience and a number of unexpected obstacles oftentimes complicated publishing the JUR. Yet, similar to our researchers, we persevered through difficulty to provide a final product of which we are quite proud.

The JUR is a student run organization and we would like to thank our staff for their incredible effort in putting this journal together. We would also like to thank Ron Johnson, whose design expertise was essential to completing this project. Finally, we would especially like to thank Dr. Christopher Haufler for patiently facilitating the whole publication process and the KU Honors Program for the financial and institutional support necessary to see this project through to the end. You can also find our first issue online at http://web.ku.edu/~kujur/.

The website contains full-size figures of our articles and information concerning future publications.

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