From the Student Editorial Board

The members of the Student Editorial Board are honored to have played a part in the production of this, the second volume of the UCR Undergraduate Research Journal. As editors, we had the opportunity to work with both faculty members and our peers in crafting a journal that highlights the incredible depth and diversity of undergraduate research that is being conducted here at UCR. We were deeply impressed by the quality of the research and the professionalism of the student researchers who submitted articles to this year’s edition of the journal. The number of articles submitted more than doubled the number submitted to last year’s inaugural edition and we are proud to reflect this increasing awareness of the Undergraduate Research Journal through a commensurate increase in the size of the journal itself. It is our hope that undergraduate research will continue to be encouraged at UCR and we are pleased to provide an opportunity for the most outstanding student researchers to be recognized and celebrated for their efforts. It is with great pride that we present the second volume of the UCR Undergraduate Research Journal.