From the Student Editorial Board

It is with great honor that we, the 2009 Student Editorial Board, invite you to explore the third volume of the UCR Undergraduate Research Journal. We have been hard at work compiling, reviewing, editing, and formatting these amazing entries while working closely with the student authors and their faculty mentors to produce a journal that best represents the intellect, diligence, and originality at UC Riverside. We have grown exponentially as editors and scholars through this rigorous process, this labor of love, and this amazing amalgamation of various academic interests. The UGRJ demands greatness from UCR students, not only in the classroom or the lab, but also in social and professional ways. The students published here showcased their ability to produce novel ideas while juggling a school schedule, part-time jobs, family lives, and a cornucopia of other obligations. We found these works to be truly exceptional, and unanimously agreed that they should be shared with you in this printed work. With the greatest thanks possible to all the contributors, we present the third volume of the UCR Undergraduate Research Journal! Enjoy!