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From the Student Editorial Board

Welcome to the fourth edition of UCR's *Undergraduate Research Journal*! We, the student editorial board, have spent hours of work collaborating with both faculty mentors and student authors in anticipation of publishing a multidisciplinary collection of articles that is truly representative of the intellectual and creative abilities of UCR's undergraduates. We could not have been more impressed by the quality of submissions we received, and selected only those that we felt truly embodied what it is to be an extraordinary undergraduate student at UCR. Most of us had not been involved in an editorial process before, and we all were granted the unique opportunity to see the other, more meticulous side of research. We worked hand-in-hand with faculty mentors and personally witnessed what it is like to think and review an article like an expert. As undergraduates ourselves, this experience will invariably pay off in a multitude of ways, and we are very thrilled to have been a part of this very rewarding process. Without further ado, we welcome you to acquaint yourself with some of UCR's most talented undergraduates and to familiarize yourself with their research. Enjoy!