

Letter From the Editors

We are proud to present to you volume nine of the Florida Atlantic Undergraduate Research Journal. The FAURJ is an interdisciplinary, peer-reviewed journal that is published annually. FAURJ is published online as well as in print and its mission is to showcase high quality undergraduate research in all fields, supply undergraduates with an idea of the standard of research, and promote inquiry-based activities at Florida Atlantic University.

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We would like to thank all of the students who have submitted their work for the 2019-2020 publication. You all have shown immense dedication to your research and we wish you the best in your future endeavors. We hope you enjoy this edition of FAURJ, and encourage you to stay curious!

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