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Letter from the Editors

Dear Vanderbilt Community,

We are excited to announce the 16th volume of The Vanderbilt Undergraduate Research Journal (VURJ). VURJ is a student-run research journal, which publishes across all 7 disciplines at Vanderbilt University: Natural Science, Social Science, Economics/Political Science, Education and Human Development, Humanities, Math/Physics, and Engineering.

In this edition, we are honored to announce seven manuscripts which went through a strict review and revision process by our reviewer and copy-editing team. Three of our manuscripts were recognized by the Immersion Office, earning cash awards. The first winner earning $250 was Jacqueline Huang, who wrote "Price Transparency's Impact on Hospital Prices: An Analysis of the 2021 Hospital Transparency Final Rule." Our two runners-up, earning $150 each, were Camille Brice, who wrote, "The Surreal in Julio Cortazar's Cosmopolitan Works and Gabriel Garcia Marquez's Provincial World," and Colin Wilson, who wrote "Variability in the Daily Activity of the Nine-banded Armadillo across the Americas."

We are grateful for the support of Carolyn Floyd, J.D., Senior Director of the Office of Experiential Learning and Immersion Vanderbilt. She has been extremely supportive throughout this process, and we are honored to be able to work under such an incredible mentor.

We also want to recognize Dr. John Bradley, Ph.D., Director of the Vanderbilt Writing Studio and Tutoring Services, who led our 6th Writing Studio Training Session. His training sessions have been influential to the Editorial Review Board and Copy-Editing Team as they reviewed papers thoroughly and critically.

Additionally, we want to thank our supportive team of faculty and graduate student mentors for their commitment to training our Editorial team and evaluating papers for our Manuscript competition.

Lastly, we want to thank our supportive Executive Board, Managing Editor Team, Editorial Review Board, Copyeditors, and committee members for their support throughout the year. Research is an important part of Vanderbilt's community, and we strive to create an open community where everyone can share their ideas and collaborate with each other to expand the sphere of research.

Happy reading!

Alexis Mowrer- *editor-in-chief*

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