

Editorial

The Young Researcher holds one belief to be undeniably true: that the pursuit of academic excellence can be achieved despite factors such as age or background. Through a passion for knowledge, determination for improvement, and an adherence to rigorous research processes, young researchers can contribute outstanding work and enhance understanding in an abundance of fields. The purpose of *The Young Researcher* is to provide a larger audience for the original academic research of ambitious secondary students, provide a forum for peer-review, and create a community of young researchers. Furthermore, *The Young Researcher* hopes to inspire young scholars to discover their voice, and through a process of diligent research and inquiry, make an impact on society.

Many different fields are represented in this journal, including life sciences, humanities, and social sciences. In these areas of study, *The Young Researcher* is proud to present academic studies held to a peer-reviewed standard. Directly fostered and encouraged are important research questions, rich examination of relevant literature, and nuanced methodologies to satisfy these inquiries. Negative, positive, and inconclusive findings are welcomed by the journal; the most important philosophy being that the researcher has inspected the issue with a dedicated and thoughtful approach.

In an age where truth and integrity appear increasingly difficult to find, *The Young Researcher* is proud to include papers from a community of students who engage in an open dialogue of pertinent issues. When the passion of youth can be combined with a quest for truth, truly remarkable discussions arise.

Please enjoy the papers, and we thank you for engaging in a community that values academic excellence and genuine enthusiasm in the pursuit of improvement.

Welcome to *The Young Researcher*.

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