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Dear Rochester Community,

The University of Rochester offers numerous opportunities beginning with entering freshmen and extending throughout a student's undergraduate years. Any individual with the passion, drive, and curiosity to perform research and expand his or her interests can be involved in research; University of Rochester faculty members encourage and cultivate an environment that makes this a possibility.

The Journal of Undergraduate Research maintains its focus on exemplary work at the College, though new students and new research surface each semester. We strive to present the finest, noteworthy undergraduate research in both quality and interest to the academic community. Our constancy provides the basis for creativity and innovation and allows for progression. Our university motto is meliora—"ever better"—and we aim to embody this ambition and flexibility.

The Journal of Undergraduate Research has worked extensively to incorporate new endeavors and an accessible layout. We have included research from a variety of disciplines that displays the University of Rochester's multifaceted personality. Our journal aims to highlight students' research achievements from across the College of Arts and Sciences and the Hajim School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. We continue to work with our student organizations and supporting departments across the University of Rochester to produce our best possible journal each season.

Sincerely,

Jessica Gambacurta and Elizabeth Tien
Editors-in-Chief