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# A Message from the Editor

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The editors and review board are proud to present the Fall 2012 issue of *Pursuit*, the *Journal of Undergraduate Research at the University of Tennessee*. We are in our fourth year of publication and continue to be impressed by the level of scholarship in the submissions we receive each semester.

As the journal becomes more established on campus, we hope to continue to extend its reach across the university and feature more research projects from disciplines including biology, chemistry, anthropology, business, and political science. We are also looking forward to publishing submissions from history, agriculture, geology, engineering, and other disciplines that we have not yet had a chance to feature. The goal of *Pursuit* is to demonstrate the vast and diverse amount of high quality research that goes on at UT, and we wish to continue to include projects from as many areas as possible.



As always, I would like to thank my review board, research editors, and co-editors for their hard and diligent work. This issue would not have been possible without their efforts and contributions to the review process, and I am grateful for their assistance. We hope that this issue will inspire students to submit their research for the upcoming Fall 2013 issue.

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