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# Welcome to *SUURJ*

Welcome to Volume 6 of the *Seattle University Undergraduate Research Journal* (*SUURJ*). Through the hard work of our student authors, editors, and faculty mentors, we have produced an excellent journal volume that highlights exemplary student research. While we faced challenges emerging from the pandemic, our year-long collaboration nonetheless pulled us together to create a volume that is as relevant as ever.

This year's volume covers topics that range from using parasitic helminth worms to treat type 1 diabetes to urging the UN to recognize climate refugees, from recognizing structural racism and high Black maternal mortality rates in the US medical system to identifying the erasure of Jewishness in appropriations of the Queen Esther story in sixteenth-century England.

In Volume 6, we not only feature papers that tackle dire and increasingly important issues, but we also include a diverse range of voices. In light of recent attacks on inclusivity in education, we are more aware than ever of the need to ensure an equitable environment for academic scholarship. As we inherited the journal, we took special care to craft our mission and values according to this commitment.

We are incredibly honored to have been a part of the editing process and thank the authors for entrusting their work with us. Learning and employing the extensive skills that *SUURJ* demands has been an exceptional experience that will benefit us throughout our academic careers and beyond. This journal has made a significant impact on us as students and fellow participants in academic research.

We are thrilled to be welcoming Prof. Tara Roth and Prof. Hannah Tracy back as chief faculty editors of the journal after the departure of Prof. Molly Clark Hillard. As is tradition, we leave the journal in the capable hands of the next team of student editors and invite you to immerse yourselves in the excellent work that students have delivered this year.

Wholeheartedly,  
The *SUURJ* Volume 6 Student Editorial Team