

“Be mindful that the disposition to seek the truth is safer than one that claims to know the unknown. Let us search in ways to make discoveries, and discover in ways to keep on searching.”

St. Augustine, *De Trinitate*, IX, 1,1

Now in its seventh year, *Veritas: Villanova Research Journal* represents Villanova’s remarkable tradition of rigorous, interdisciplinary undergraduate research. The current volume – our largest yet – is a testament to our students’ commitment to scientific inquiry and intellectual curiosity about our world. These authors, much like our campus community, are rooted in their commitment to research and restless to learn more.

The works presented in this issue stand out for their breadth and depth. A game theory analysis of the 2024 election, an examination of SSRI efficacy in the treatment of stress and depression, two important retellings of Chinese-American history – these are just some of the discoveries that unfold in the pages that follow. No matter the subject, the student authors featured in this issue have plumbed the depths of their research questions, contributing to scholarship in their fields and the pursuit of knowledge more broadly.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the faculty mentors whose guidance has made this student research possible. We are excited to bring this impressive edition of *VVRJ* to readers, whom we thank for their continued support for undergraduate research at Villanova University.

Sincerely,

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