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This year's edition of *The Lookout: Journal of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity* at ECU represents the dedication, creativity, and intellectual curiosity from across the undergraduate community. As editor-in-chief, I am deeply grateful to the students, faculty, and staff who contributed to making this open-source online journal edition possible.

Thanks to the students who submitted their work for publication. Their willingness to share their research and creative projects enriches our academic community and amplifies undergraduate student achievement and success. The quality and variety of the submissions we received showcase the depth of inquiry and creativity at ECU.

I am grateful for the editorial team—a talented, fun, creative group of undergraduate students—who took on the task of editing, publishing, and promoting a journal during a 15-week semester long course. Their careful review of submissions and attention to copyediting and detail during the publication process have been essential in the publication of a well-designed and engaging journal. The number of hours invested in copyediting, layout design, and proofreading demonstrate a level of professionalism that will lead to their future success.

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Onward,
Dr. E

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