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We began this journal two years ago with the goal of providing a forum through which undergraduates interested in research could present their work at a professional level, giving them the exposure and experience to help them transition into such a career.

Last year, we had an outstanding inaugural issue. We published five articles covering a wide range of topics written by students from across the United States. This year, we were happy to have expanded our journal to an international level. Inside our second annual issue, you will find four articles, again covering a variety of topics from molecular dynamics to molecular biology.

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