

The editors of *MSRJ* are excited to announce our Fall 2014 issue, the first issue of the new academic year. We have been overwhelmed with amazing articles from medical students around the world and this has allowed us to publish our largest issue yet! This issue includes stimulating articles written by students from the University of Toronto, Creighton University School of Medicine, Saba University School of Medicine, Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, and Michigan State University College of Human Medicine.

Since the release of our last issue, we are delighted to announce the winners of our submission contest! Throughout the last year, *MSRJ* has been carefully reviewing articles submitted to our contest looking for winners in the following categories: Best Original Research, Best Case Report, Best Review, and Best Reflection. Our winners include Zach Jarou and colleagues for their submission of "Public Stroke Knowledge – Those Most at Risk, Least Able to Identify Symptoms" for Best Original Research; Victoria Stahl and colleagues for their article, "Morphine Induced Myoclonus in a Patient with End-Stage Renal Disease" for Best Case Report; Catalina Dumitrascu for her submission of "Substance Abuse among Physicians and Medical Students," for Best Review; and Alec Beaney's "Future Medical Practice and Genetics," for Best Reflection. Our staff were amazed by the quality of submissions we received and were happy to publish the majority of the submissions despite only being able to give a few awards. The winners of this contest each received a \$300 scholarship and are featured in a special post on our website. We were very pleased with the result of this contest and are thinking about making it a recurring event! We encourage our readers to stay tuned for the next submission dates and contest information.

The journal has great plans for this upcoming year. We plan on continuing to review and publish the wonderful submissions we receive. We also plan on reaching out to other medical schools to see how we can broaden our reach and involvement with our journal. We continue to receive requests to speak at various functions to inform students how to publish their hard work as well as inquiries into how students can become involved with us. We are excited at the prospect of involving other students into our operations. Our staff will also be looking into other research conferences to attend and promote our journal as another publishing option.

Also new to *MSRJ* is the addition of many new staff members! Our staff have nearly doubled in size since our last issue. Our student elective continues to be a great success in recruiting motivated students to join our staff. This new batch of students has already proven to be incredibly hard working with great ideas, and we are excited to see where the journal goes with their assistance and expertise. After our Spring issue, our Executive Editor, Kevin Patterson graduated and went on to start his Internal Medicine residency at Ohio State University. We would like to thank him for his hard work with *MSRJ* and acknowledge all the progress he allowed the journal to make, including but not limited to increasing the journal's indexing, spearheading our submission contest, and adding medical student education to our publication process. The leadership of the journal this year includes Jessica Wummel and Jack Mettler, both fourth-year students at MSU College of Human Medicine. Jessica was Executive Editor last year and an *MSRJ* editor since her matriculation into medical school. She is excited to continue leading the journal and to be joined by Jack, an *MSRJ* editor since his first medical school year, as well. They are both looking forward to continuing Kevin's legacy and making one of their own.

As always, we would like to thank the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine for their continued support. In addition, we would like to acknowledge the hard work of our talented staff in making this issue possible; without them, this journal's success would not be where it is today. We hope that our readers will continue to follow the progress of the *MSRJ* both on Facebook and Twitter, and on our website at <http://www.MSRJ.org>. Please continue sending your manuscripts to us; we are always excited to read the amazing work from our fellow students.

Sincerely,



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