

## Foreword

Welcome to the fifth issue of *Bridges*, an outstanding accomplishment representing a dedication to featuring the superb work of Coastal Carolina University students. The journal's new focus is stated in its subtitle, *A Journal of Student Research*. My hope is that this and forthcoming issues will continue to encourage our students, and the faculty who mentor them, to pursue research projects and creative activities so as to disseminate their findings through publication in *Bridges*.

I extend my thanks to Provost Rob Sheehan for his continuing support of undergraduate research and, in particular, for this journal and those who help produce it. I owe much gratitude to the faculty who guided their students' research and to the faculty who served on the Editorial Board of *Bridges*. I am especially grateful to Scott Pleasant and Amanda Brian, Editor and Managing Editor respectively, for their hours of meticulous work and distinguished expertise in producing a successful issue.

Congratulations to the student authors of this issue for their inquiry, research, and commitment to writing their outcomes from which others can learn.

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