

e would like to congratulate the participants of the 9th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium (URS). Students have been chosen to showcase their research and represent their discipline to the broader University of Calgary community. As one of the biggest academic events put on by the Students' Union (SU), the URS brings together the best and brightest minds within our undergraduate population and encourages them to excel and to continue onto the path of innovation and discovery. This is an opportunity for students to share the knowledge that they have gained with students, faculty, staff and senior administration and perhaps spark some interest in other students to follow in their footsteps into the amazing field of research.

We are continuously blown away by the quality of the research being done by undergraduate students on our campus. This makes our decisions more challenging with each passing year. As leaders in their discipline, student research proves to be unique, creative, and innovative, and amongst the best carried out by undergraduate students at the University of Calgary.

The University of Calgary is striving to become one of Canada's top five research institutions by its 50th anniversary in 2016, and undergraduate research is a key component to that feat. Through undergraduate students work and ingenuity, they are not only making important contributions to their field, but are also helping to make your university one of the best in the country.

The Undergraduate Research Symposium would not be possible without the generous support of our donors for providing awards and supporting the endeavors of undergraduate student researchers.

Best wishes,

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