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Letter from the Editor

When I received the email that The Catalyst was to be revived, I was thrilled. I was even more excited when I was selected as Editor-in-Chief for the journal's first publication in over two years. During my final semester as an undergraduate I was given the honor to meet and work with an excellent team. This journal is truly the product of combined effort of the tireless work from this team and the leadership of Dr. Charles Sumner.

As an undergraduate, a student dedicates countless hours to research and writing. However, often times the work is read only by the student's professor. Catalyst provides an opportunity for students to showcase their work across the campus. This journal encourages exceptional scholarship and celebrates the work of the undergraduate.

As an English major, I am especially fond of the meaning of the journal's title. "Catalyst" can be defined as "a person or thing that precipitates an event." With this definition in mind, I believe this is the perfect title for this publication. As undergraduates, we have the power to change the world of academia. I hope this journal will be the agent through which that change is made.

As I write these remarks, I am filled with both pride and sadness, as this was my first and last semester to work on this publication. However, there is no doubt that Catalyst will continue to thrive in the upcoming years. I hope that the readers of this publication will recognize and remember the potential that lies within each and every undergraduate scholar at this University.

Kristin Teston

Call for Papers

Eligibility Requirements

To submit to *Catalyst*, your research must have been conducted during a full-time or part-time undergraduate study at The University of Southern Mississippi. Only current undergraduate students are allowed to submit papers for consideration.

Your submission must be completed and mailed according to the submission guidelines.

Submission Guidelines

Submissions must fall into one of these categories:

1. Original Research—ranging from the traditional (but exceptionally researched) term paper to creative, original projects in the arts and sciences.
2. Art Work for Cover Consideration—photographs of art work may be submitted for this issue's cover. If you are submitting art work, you will also need to submit a 5-7 page commentary on the piece to be published in the issue on whose cover it appears.

Articles submitted must follow an established style manual (MLA, APA, etc.). The style used must be indicated on the application sheet. Submissions for original research must fall between 10-20 pages, double spaced, size 12 font, 1" margins. This page limit does not include references/sources. Full-length Honors theses are NOT accepted; however, you may submit a portion of your thesis so long as it complies with the above page restrictions. Due to the limits of journal publication, longer articles may need to be edited after selection.

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