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From the Editor-

Welcome to the second volume of the *Journal of Interdisciplinary Research*. As we continue to develop, you will find many changes. We have introduced a new streamlined look along with a new editor.

Another exciting change this year is the number of submissions more than doubled and we saw more participation from various departments in the Interdisciplinary PhD program here at the University of Missouri–Kansas City. This gave the editorial board more of a challenge when selecting papers, but we were up for it.

In addition to selecting articles for inclusion, the editorial board awarded a first-, second-, and two, third-place prizes for outstanding papers. We would like to congratulate Stephen Childress, Lorna Condit, Sandra Howard, and Xuan Pham for their achievements.

Inside this issue, you will find very interesting papers ranging from a look at the underling theory of a biographical film project, to the development of a new treatment for Macular Edema, from an analysis of the self-perceptions of music educators, to the location of nonprofits in Kansas City.

I would like to thank all of those who helped to make this journal possible; you will find their names listed in the front of the journal.

Megan Cornell, Editor

Statement of purpose

The *Journal of Interdisciplinary Research* (JIDR) started in 2006 as an idea [and budget line] of the Interdisciplinary Doctoral Student Council (IDSC). The purpose of the Journal is to provide an avenue for Interdisciplinary PhD students at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) to publish their work and to offer an additional venue by which students can engage in interdisciplinary discussions. JIDR is also intended to demonstrate the achievements of our Interdisciplinary PhD students to the administration at UMKC.