

Letter from the Editor

It is with great pleasure that I present the inaugural issue of the Undergraduate Journal of Ethics, Policy, and Social Justice (UJEPS). I started this journal with the intention of fostering student interest in research and showcasing the original and creative thought of undergraduate students. I further aimed to encourage students to consider ethical issues through a social justice lens and reflect on how different policies can either mitigate or exacerbate such issues.

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