

*December 2022 Editorial***Inspiring Environmental Research among Innovative Students****Justin J. Huang****Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Innovative Student Research**

As The Open Access Journal of Innovative Student Research (JISR) enters its second issue, a continuing focus on furthering the cause of inspiring environmental research among young, innovative students remains paramount. It is essential that students today recognize the power they hold to change our collective lives, both in and out of the classroom. By understanding and actively participating in the research process, students can contribute to a greener world. Through the most up-to-date research expertise and a passion for making a difference, inspirational student-driven research can and will bring about genuine progress. The Journal of Innovative Student Research is an excellent platform for hosting and promoting student-led research. By providing students with the opportunity to publish their findings, the journal creates an open-ended dialogue that allows for meaningful collaboration and stimulates learning.

The JISR December 2022 Issue is the second issue and one of the most impactful. This 57-page issue has 4 articles discussing environmental science-related topics. Beginning with “Cheap and Portable Solution to Water Pollution Using UV Radiation and Activated Carbon” by Anshuman Mohanty, discussing the best method for water purification. Then, “Effects of N-P-K ratios on Plants” by Aryan Arusam, focuses on finding the optimal fertilizer using the NPK ratio. “Biodegradable Plastics” by Prisha Shah, investigates what type of plastic would biodegrade the most when underground. Lastly, “The Effect of Propel Water on the Growth of Bean Plants” by Tejaswin Gontla, investigates the effectiveness of different liquids on plants.

Promoting environmental research is important for inspiring students because they're the future. We hope to continue this amazing journey of innovation among aspiring students in this novel, open-access format.