Message from the Director

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What distinguishes most an education at a Research 1 University is the ongoing production of new knowledge. What this lends to both classrooms and even the most casual conversations on the lawn in front of the Union building is a freshness, an awareness of what is important and new. Research is what invigorates teaching, scholarly production, and the contribution we might make to the academic community. Research brings students into collaboration with faculty and introduces them to processes, ways of knowing, and interpretation and invites them to apply what they have learned in the classroom.

The Honors Program believes that every student should have a meaningful experience in research and that excellence in research and writing ought to be celebrated. This is why we are joining with the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program for the third annual Research Symposium. This day recognizes our commitment to research, our belief in the immense benefit it provides for students, and our involvement in the larger research agenda of this great university. We are also pleased to feature the Honors students' abstracts in the University of Utah's Undergraduate Research Abstracts Journal. We invite you to join us in celebrating the achievements of Honors students in completing their theses, and in making a contribution to the production of new knowledge at this University.