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**A Message from the Editor**

Since its founding in 1998, *TCNJ Journal of Student Scholarship* has grown with the College. With its 2015 edition, the *Journal* has reached its seventeenth volume and entered its ninth year of electronic publication, readily accessible both on and off campus. In addition, all previous editions of the *Journal*, formerly available only in paper copy, are now available electronically at <http://www.tcnj.edu/~joss/issues.html>.

The quality of the wide range of essays published in this volume reflects the firm commitment of TCNJ's students, faculty, and administration to premiership among the nation's undergraduate colleges. I wish to thank the many people who have contributed to Volume XVII of *TCNJ Journal of Student Scholarship* beginning with the students whose papers are contained herein and the professors who encouraged and mentored their work. The administration of President R. Barbara Gitenstein and Provost Jacqueline Taylor graciously provided moral and financial support and release time, without which this volume would not have been possible. I also extend thanks to web designer Matthew Winkel for his help in converting the *Journal* to its electronic format. For consultation on production matters, I thank Lisa Angeloni, Vice President for Enrollment Management. I offer thanks to the members of the editorial board of the *Journal* for lending their time and talents to the reviewing of papers in the midst of many other responsibilities. Michelle Ordini and Rosa Rodriguez of the Department of English kindly and expertly assisted in the editing of the essays printed in this volume and periodically updated the website of the *Journal*. I would also like to thank my wife, Jeanne Conerly, and our daughter, Katherine, for their support and understanding during a very busy year. Finally, I would like to thank Associate Editor Romulo Ochoa for his wise advice and careful editing of the science essays. As these acknowledgements indicate, this volume is the product of a community-wide effort.

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