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A Letter From the Editor

As you enter Brigham Young University, one of the first things you see are the words, “Enter to Learn; Go Forth to Serve.” This year’s edition of *Sigma* represents not only the highest quality research from undergraduate students but each author’s fulfillment of this mandate. Most importantly, each article in this edition addresses a crucial and timely topic. The authors focus on the stereotypes around gender and corruption, how female representation affects immigration policy, and the link between religion and suicide. Our authors also address why the U.S. pulled out of the Trans-Pacific Partnership and how being a member of the LGBTQ+ community affects your perceived success in college. However, the authors do not simply elaborate on current research. They present original findings and offer practical solutions—exemplifying how education allows us to understand and improve the world around us.

Sigma does not just appear out of thin air, and there are many people involved with this process who deserve special mention. I would like to formally thank our faculty advisor Professor Scott Cooper for his continued guidance and support of *Sigma*, as well as those professors who dedicated time to reviewing and editing the research. We were also blessed with a talented editorial staff who more than once stayed up late to meet deadlines and who worked hard to perfect these already well-written articles. And of course, I am especially grateful to our authors for staying with us through several rounds of edits and revisions.

I am both happy and proud to present this year’s edition of *Sigma*.

Sincerely,

Tanner Cox
Editor-in-Chief