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Some of its detractors maintain that scientific writing does not possess the same level of artistry or beauty as literature, poetry, or fictional prose. For many of us, that these detractors cannot appreciate the depth of meaning and artful design of science writing is akin to missing the genius of Yeats or Kafka. Scientific literature is capable of attaining the same artistic heights as the finest short story, the most compelling play, or a well–spoken verse of poetry. Researchers and science writers help to unearth incredible facts about the way the universe conducts itself, and their work often has a profound impact on our relationship with the world in which we live. In a sense, scientific writing is the culmination of human curiosity and artistry, and we believe that it is something to be celebrated.

Each year, many hours of hard work go into the production of the *Trinity Student Medical Journal*, and this year has been no exception. The tireless efforts of our editing, marketing, and production teams are of particular note, and we would like to extend our gratitude to all those involved.

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Sincerely Conor Lavelle and Orna Grant Editors-in-Chief TSMJ 2013

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