

Letters from the TSMJ Committee

Dear Colleagues,

It's with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 13th edition of the Trinity Student Medical Journal. The TSMJ is written, edited and produced solely by medical and health sciences students of Trinity College, Dublin.

The Trinity Student Medical Journal is the product of months of hard work and dedication, not only on the part of the TSMJ committees, but also that of the talented and thoughtful students who submitted their work, along with their faculty mentors. In selecting the papers that are found in this volume, we looked for significance, academic integrity, and intellectual originality. We feel that the quality and variety of work presented in this journal reflect the excellence and academic diversity of Trinity College Dublin, Ireland. It is our sincerest hope that the articles, essays and projects contained herein will encourage TCD students to continue to strive for the best in their undergraduate and graduate research and will demonstrate TCD's outstanding potential.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to those that volunteered to work as part of our committee. It would be close to impossible to produce such high quality journal without the staggering amount of time and effort they have sacrificed. I would also like to thank all the students who put forward an article for publication, whether they were successful or not. We acknowledge the time and hard work you have invested writing and researching these pieces. With such great volume of submitted that we received this year, unfortunately, impossible to print them all but I continue to encourage those who did not succeed to try again next year.

This year would be my 3rd year volunteering in TSMJ, and I have to say TSMJ has grown and matured over the years. Previous committees have stressed how important sponsorship is for the survival of our journal. This year will be no different. I wish to thank all the patrons of the TSMJ, both old and new for their generous contributions. We could not have done it without their continuing support.

Best wishes,

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