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A Note from the General Editor

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Pandion is a taxonomic reference, the scientific name for a genus of large birds of prey known as the Osprey. “Unique among North American raptors,” according to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Ospreys soar along the shoreline, diving into bodies of water to catch the live fish upon which they thrive. Pandion is the only genus of the family Pandionidae.

The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) is pleased to introduce the second volume of *PANDION: The Osprey Journal of Research & Ideas*, a collection of student research and creative projects which spans the academic disciplines at the University of North Florida (UNF). *PANDION* is conceived primarily as an online journal, hosted in Digital Commons by the Thomas G. Carpenter Library, although it will also appear in print on occasion. The research reflected in the articles in Volume 2 was supervised and conducted during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the articles and creative projects were all written, designed, and produced, and revised, edited, and typeset remotely. Ospreys are remarkable!

PANDION is not a peer-reviewed student research journal. Rather, each article in this volume was written by a UNF undergraduate or graduate student under the guidance of a subject matter expert – the faculty mentor named on the essay’s title page. The faculty mentors vetted, endorsed, and nominated outstanding papers for publication in *PANDION*, attesting that the paper had been revised to the mentor’s satisfaction.

Typesetting the essays and publishing the second volume of *PANDION* was a sustained group effort. I acknowledge with appreciation the dedicated work of Kaitlyn Minnicks, OUR student project manager, Rebeca Mata, *PANDION* student graphic designer, and Brianna Nieves, OUR student assistant. I am grateful for the assistance and consistent support of Courtenay McLeland, Head of Digital Projects and Preservation at the Carpenter Library and Digital Editor of *PANDION*, and Michael Boyles, *PANDION*’s Art Director and Design Editor, and David Wilson, Associate Director and Creative Team Lead, both of the Center for Instruction and Research Technology (CIRT).

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Happy reading and researching!

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