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Sacred Heart Develops e-Journal to Showcase Student Research

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Sacred Heart University has developed a new e-journal, the *Sacred Heart University Scholar*, which will showcase undergraduate research. The journal is the culmination of work produced by SHU students and their mentors. "It represents a significant achievement for many faculty and staff who are committed to supporting and celebrating the scholarship of our students," said Rupendra Paliwal, provost and vice-president of academic affairs.
Steven Michels, assistant provost for teaching and learning, said the journal came about as a result of Paliwal's initiative on undergraduate research. "We are working to integrate and expand the research that’s done by undergraduates on campus," Michels said. "Our students do great work, and this platform will draw attention to that. It will also give students an opportunity to develop their résumés in a serious way and give them something they can aspire to."

The first volume of the Scholar highlights participants’ posters and papers from the Spring 2017 Academic Festival. Articles have already been downloaded more than 300 times in just over two weeks, Michels said. Other student works from the Academic Festival have been downloaded almost 4,000 times from Digital Commons, the platform that also hosts the journal.

The e-journal also serves as a recruitment tool. “It lets prospective students and their parents know that Sacred Heart is dedicated to academic excellence and supporting our students,” Michels added. “We hope to have two volumes out each year, with the next one due out in April 2018.” The deadline for submissions for that volume is January 15.

“This journal, as the best of what our students can do, will have a great impact,” Paliwal said.

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