A Message from the President

I am pleased to introduce the first printed edition of *Aquila*, a journal showcasing the research, creative, and scholarly work of students at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU). Thanks to the efforts and encouragement of Professors Foote, Gunnels, and Demers, an online version of *Aquila* first appeared in November, 2014. The journal now has a student editorial board and is advised by Professors Reuter and Eichbauer. Both the online and printed versions of *Aquila* are designed to highlight that, in addition to being a first-class teaching institution, FGCU offers its undergraduate and graduate students opportunities to actively participate in the thriving research and creative activities of the faculty.

As an undergraduate student, I was given the opportunity to work in the laboratory of one of my professors. This experience was the beginning of me earning a Ph.D. in psychobiology and having a rich and rewarding academic and research career. As you will read in this and future editions of *Aquila*, FGCU students are involved in stimulating work with their professors which has the potential of shaping their futures. I trust you will read this inaugural print edition of *Aquila* with great interest and that you will look forward to learning more about how our students are involved with the research and creative activities of FGCU faculty. Enjoy!

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President