

Message from the Editor – Bringing New Life to an Academic Journal



The College of Health Sciences (COHS) at the University of Louisiana Monroe (ULM) launched its first academic journal called the *Online Journal of Interprofessional Health Promotion* in 2018 — it was certainly an exciting accomplishment. At the time, as a peer reviewer of this journal, I could sense my colleagues’ excitement about a new avenue that supported and encouraged their publications. Faculty were eager to share their research, community service, and teaching effectiveness ideas related to their the clinical and classroom practices.

Over the past 5 years, the COHS and ULM have undergone significant changes. Currently, our college has a new dean and many brand-new faculty, we have a new university president and vice president, and a recently designed strategic plan and vision. These key administrative changes have greatly enhanced our college and university’s path. Hence, it became clear that our journal also needed revamping to align with all the positive changes occurring on our campus.

During 2021, I was approached about the Editor-in-Chief role as well as redesigning the journal to enhance the journal name, website, and content while aligning it with our college and university’s new focus. As a starting point, I began reading the past issues in the journal and noticed a common theme among all these publications — our faculty are committed to the goals and values of their profession and to developing enthusiastic students who can enhance the lives of individuals.

The newly designed journal, now called the *Journal of Interprofessional Practice and Collaboration (JIPC)*, is a collaborative effort by our Editorial Board and the COHS faculty that demonstrates their commitment to creating a journal that represents their shared work, clinical expertise, innovative teaching practices, and scholarship. The founders and current curators of the JIPC all celebrate the diversity of the health science professions and the unique contribution each healthcare professional provides toward the well-being of individuals.

We are excited about the launch of our newly designed journal. Readers will notice a new Editorial Board, aesthetic website layout, up-to-date aim/scope content, and new topic areas that enhance the overall quality of the journal. Our college recognizes the full spectrum of healthcare and invites any health-related profession to consider submitting a manuscript for review.

Respectfully,

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