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Letter from the Editor

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The 2020-2021 academic year has proven to be uniquely challenging. The Covid-19 pandemic has forced us to adapt to unprecedented circumstances that have disrupted every aspect of our lives. Portland State endured an entire school year of remote learning, which posed a host of difficulties for students and faculty alike. Despite these challenges, however, I have seen our academic community's determination to push forward and produce outstanding work, as is reflected in *Anthós*' latest issue.

It is with deep gratitude that I share this issue with you. Throughout the year our editorial board has worked tirelessly to solicit submissions, maintain a database, facilitate faculty reviews, and copyedit for publication. It has been a wonderful experience working with this team, which includes Zoe Landi Fontana as managing editor, Jeya Aishwarya Anandakumar as junior editor, and Dr. Pelin Başcı as faculty advisor. Zoe, Jeya, and I served as junior editors of *Anthós* together last year under Dr. Başcı's invaluable guidance. Having a year of experience under our belt, we were able to hit the ground running, collaborating and building upon what we learned last year. I am proud to say that with the hard work and dedication of our team, we have grown *Anthós* into more than twice the size of our issue last year.

This year's issue features the work of thirteen Honors students and covers a wide range of subjects, demonstrating the diversity of areas of study among the Honors College. This edition also includes a special dossier on the Covid-19 pandemic and its complex relationship to our social, economic, and natural systems.

The publication of this issue would not have been possible without the help of numerous individuals. First I want to extend my greatest thanks to our library advisor Sherry Buchanan, whose expertise with PSU's journal publications has been critical to this process. Next, I must express my deepest thanks to our faculty reviewers for their time and energy spent reading students' work and providing expert feedback. I also want to thank Honors professor Rebecca Summer, who was instrumental in the realization of the Pandemic Dossier. Finally, I want to thank the University Honors College Administration, especially our director Dr. Brenda Glascott, administrator Cornelia Coleman, and Dean Dr. Shelly Chabon. We greatly appreciate your support of our journal and all that the College does for the Honors College community.

This issue is a product of resilience in a time of unprecedented challenges. I am honored to present you with Volume X of *Anthós*.

All the best,
Eliana Bane
Editor-in-Chief