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Dear CAURS Participants and Visitors:

On behalf of Northwestern University, I welcome you to the second annual Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Symposium. Northwestern has a deep and sustained commitment to undergraduate research; I am very pleased that many Northwestern students are participants and organizers of today's event.

Research is an integral part of academia and it is my hope that your experience here will broaden and deepen your appreciation of the research process and encourage you to involve yourself in it. By investing yourself in a hands-on research project you gain significant insight into some topic area and valuable experience in creating new knowledge.

I would especially like to thank all the organizers of this symposium. Coordinating a cross-university program like this one involves a great deal of time and effort; their dedication is very much apparent in this exceptional event.

Sincerely,

Henry S. Bienen
President