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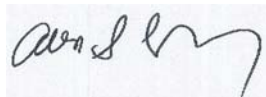
Dear CAURS Participants and Visitors:

On behalf of Illinois Institute of Technology, welcome to the third annual Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Symposium. I am delighted that IIT is helping to sponsor this event and that IIT students are participants and organizers.

Undergraduate research is a vital part of a university's activity. This is the way students truly can understand what they learn in the classroom and make informed decisions about their careers in science and engineering.

Today's events would not be possible without the efforts of the student organizers. Such an inter-institution event is challenging to coordinate and they have all done an outstanding job. Congratulations!

Sincerely,



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