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This year, the Undergraduate Journal of Psychology at Berkeley successfully faced challenges in restructuring the organization with a tighter knit group of hardworking editors, had talented new leaders who stepped up and took responsibility, and established new directions in expanding the journal. In the upcoming year, our goal will be to increase global visibility and recognition of the journal, and as follows, inspire and encourage undergraduate researchers to take up the challenge to pursue original research and publish their hard work.

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