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Dear reader,

It is our distinct privilege to present the latest issue of the Medical Student Press Journal, combined in a special hybrid issue with selected pieces from the Free Clinic Research Collective. This is a collection of research, quality improvement, creative writing, and art that represents the work of medical students from all around the world – ranging from Texas to Taiwan.

Amid the ongoing perils of a devastating pandemic, this issue deals with uplifting themes of hope, gratitude, and wonder at the beauty of medicine. A research spotlight is placed on underserved populations including refugees and individuals experiencing housing insecurity. One common thread found throughout the articles is an emphasis on the importance of understanding patients and their stories to better facilitate healing.

We hope the work contained within this issue will both inspire and shed light on important topics within medicine and public health. Many thanks to the many contributors, editors, reviewers, and mentors who made this publication possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Duncan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Steven Duncan

Medical Student Press, Editor in Chief

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