

## **The Naming of the Journal**

A competition – open to all members of the Murray State University community – was held to select a name that captured the essence and intent of Murray State University’s new undergraduate journal. Many worthy entries were received. A committee, representing a broad cross section of university constituencies, was identified to make the selection. The names *Chrysalis*, submitted by Dr. Janis Murphy, and *The Murray State University Journal of Undergraduate Research*, submitted by both undergraduate Sarah Bullock and Dr. Bommanna Loganathan, were selected as best exemplifying the content and aspirations of the new journal. The winning entrants’ statements explaining the reason behind their name recommendation are provided here.

**Chrysalis** is an appropriate name for the Murray State University URSA Office’s undergraduate scholarship journal. The contributors to *Chrysalis* are currently in a formative stage of development, which symbolizes continual intellectual growth, peer/faculty collaboration and transformation. During their remarkable *Chrysalis* transformation or metamorphosis, these novice researchers are empowered to “spread their wings,” soar and embrace a more advanced stage of development, scholarship, life and accomplishment.

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Researchers have shown that undergraduates provided with research experiences generally have an increased sense of confidence in their abilities to do and understand science (or any discipline) and a more positive attitude about scientific or other (business, music, etc.) careers. Murray State University (MSU) realized this very important trend and has maintained a strong record in providing opportunities for undergraduates to pursue research early on during their undergraduate education. Creation of a new journal for undergraduate researchers will encourage present and future undergraduates to conduct research and publish their findings. MSU’s dedication and commitment to undergraduate research need to be reflected in the new journal name. Therefore, I suggest the name for the new journal to be **The MSU Journal of Undergraduate Research.**

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### **The MSU Journal of Undergraduate Research**

Why I chose the name:

I chose this name because I believe it accurately portrays what it is, an undergraduate journal. Short and sweet and right to the point!

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