

Gratitude

This year's gratitude is written by co-editor, Rebecca Johnson. Becky graduated from Troy with her BS and MA in History. She works fulltime at the Center for Student Success on the Dothan Campus and adjuncts with the Department of History and Philosophy. (Karen Ross)

Since the last issue, the world is still dealing with the pandemic but something great that came out of it is we came together and built the tenth volume of *The Alexandrian*—what a milestone! I remember as a graduate student thinking how great it was that the History & Philosophy department gave students a way to publish their research in remembrance of Dr. Alexander. It provided me this opportunity in 2013, as my first publication experience. My writing grew stronger as my faculty editor and I sent my paper back and forth at least a million times. I'm extremely appreciative for being published in the second issue and still being able to contribute years later as Co-Editor.

Thank you to everyone who helped put our tenth volume together. Dr. Ross and I are grateful to the faculty for working one-on-one with the student-authors editing and critiquing their submissions. Student-authors, thank you for your hard work and dedication to your revisions. The editing process can be grueling at times but it makes us stronger writers and historians.

A big thanks to Dr. Ross for helping keep this journal alive for ten years. Every year you dedicate your time and hard work to publishing *The Alexandrian*. You have inspired past and current students for a whole decade to be researchers, writers, and editors and we are eternally grateful.

I would especially like to thank the Alexander family: Sandra, Steve, Rachel, Sarah, Andrew, and Elise, for their continued support over the years. I've never met him but this journal keeps his memory alive. I read the Remembered section in the first volume, and I felt like I knew him based on all the kind words from the department and his family. *The Alexandrian* is a beautiful memorial to Dr. Alexander and I'm happy that this allows him to still inspire students.

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