

## Gratitude

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*This year's gratitude is written by editor, Mykaila Baker. Mykaila is currently working on her BS in American History and Sociology.*

Year Eleven of publication! We did it!

First, I want to thank Dr. Ross. This publication and its continuation would not be possible without the organization, passion, and hours she dedicates to *The Alexandrian* each and every year since its founding. While not (yet) being in any of her classes, the way she works so diligently outside of her requirements speaks volumes toward her character that everyone should aspire to be.

A huge shout-out to the student authors whose works are now published! It is through your research and writing that we have the honor of sharing your arduous work. While some writings are forced projects from class assignments, the research that stems from genuine questioning can bring life back to a drained student. It is the general love of learning and thinking that drives us to continue in our field. Thank you for your work and dedication; always keep questioning.

I want to thank each faculty member in our department. I along with Joshua worked with a little over half of the History and Philosophy faculty to interview and learn about their research. Getting to spend time with our educators outside of just the classroom is a wonderful experience that I have held even closer to my heart since March of 2019. I am so proud of the department I am a part of and the faculty that constitutes it. I am even more proud to hear their research and how they continue to push themselves within their specialties. A love of learning and growing are traits to never outgrow.

We of course cannot forget to thank the Alexander family! Your support for the journal has continued for the past decade, no small feat. Eleven years of supporting student achievement and growth. While Nathan may not have known every person now in the department, his legacy and name are living on. Thank you, Steve, Rachel, Sarah, Andrew, Elise, and Nathan.

Mykaila Baker,  
Editor

And a quick addition from Dr. Karen Ross: To add to Mykaila's note, I just want to say what a pleasure it is to work with the students who volunteer their time and energy to the *Alexandrian*. Mykaila, in particular, has spent many hours pulling together all of the many parts that make up the *Alexandrian*: formatting, proofing, and chasing down documents (and occasionally authors and faculty!). Thank you also to Joshua Dawsey and Alyssa Allen for their hard work, the student authors, and the faculty who support them each year.

I think Nathan would be pleased to see how a journal started in his memory in 2012 has become a permanent fixture to showcase the many talents of Troy University students.

As always, we appreciate the love and support of the Alexander family who have been on this journey with us. It is exciting to know that the journal reaches their many friends, as well as our University community.