

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Forum this year was a months-long operation with an incredible amount of moving parts that all harmoniously came together. I am humbled and honored to have been at the helm as Executive Editor this year. I echo the words of previous editors who aptly described The Forum as a true labor of love. I have the fullest confidence that The Forum will continue to be something that all of those who have been a part of can be proud of for years to come. Many have made the 7th volume of The Forum the success it is. Without providing a comprehensive list, there are a few people who deserve acknowledgment and thanks.

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