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# Memories and Milestones

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This special issue of *The School of Information Student Research Journal (SRJ)* highlights the 100,000 download mark for our journal. In this issue, we have invited contributions from Dr. Anthony Bernier, the *SRJ*'s Faculty Adviser, Dr. Sandra Hirsh, Director of San José State University School of Information, and Dr. Mary C. Schutten, Dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts (CASA) at San José State University (SJSU).

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Volume 8, Issue 1 ends my term as the journal's Editor-in-Chief. This year has been filled with many memories and milestones, including the change on our title and special projects completed by our editorial team members. Reaching 100,000 downloads is a major accomplishment, and I sincerely hope that all past and present editorial team members, authors, and Editorial Advisory Board members feel a sense of accomplishment in this achievement. Every person who has contributed to the success of the *SRJ* is, in some way, a part of this milestone.

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