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# Introduction to Tenth Anniversary Issue of the American Journal of Entrepreneurship

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Recognizing a tenth year anniversary for any organization is a milestone worthy of celebration. We are certainly proud that the *American Journal of Entrepreneurship* has been continuously published since 2008. However, rather than compliment ourselves I thought the introduction to the tenth anniversary should be more focused on expressing our gratitude. So, if the reader will indulge me, I would like to do so.

Recognizing all of the contributors and supporters of the journal is a challenge because you are prone to errors in your memory. So, let me first say I hope that I don't overlook anyone.

The first people that I should thank are the scholars that submitted their research to the journal. We are very grateful that you chose the *American Journal of Entrepreneurship*. We realize there are many options for your research and appreciate you submitting your manuscripts to us. AJE was not associated with a large academic organization or research university for the first ten years. So, it was a real challenge to establish our credibility as a reputable outlet for one's research on entrepreneurship. Thank you to the authors that submitted their research to us!

Since 2008 when the journal was founded, we have been supported by the Turner College of Business at Columbus State University. I am very grateful to Dr. Linda Hadley, the Dean of the Turner College of Business. She has not only provided financial support to us so we could print copies of the journal for the authors, but has also allowed staff members and student workers to assist us with the journal. I would like to especially highlight the efforts of three of those staff members. Mrs. Brynn Dillon was the first Copy Editor for the journal. She was devoted to preparing the journal for publication in spite of the challenges of working with MS Word. Mr. Sean Russell also served as the Copy Editor. Sean helped us make some changes to the format so that the journal was more copy ready when it reached the printing company. Last, but not least, is our current Copy Editor, Mr. Timothy Thompson. TJ was able to help us learn a new way to compile the papers so that we could eliminate the trial and error we experienced previously as we prepared the journal for printing.

I am very grateful for the efforts of Dr. Robert Lahm, Jr. Bob created the original website and helped me learn a little about how to edit the website, although that skill set remains a work in progress. He created the design and artwork for the cover page and spine of the journal. I think our cover page not only looks professional, but quite artistic as well. Thank you, Bob, for all the work you have done.

I would also like to thank Dr. David “Mitch” Mitchell, the Associate Editor for the journal. David has been the voice of reason as we have debated policy issues and made improvements to the journal and website along the way. He has assisted me in spite of his duties as the Director Arkansas Center for Research in Economics at the University of Central Arkansas.

You can't publish peer-reviewed research unless you have people that are willing to give their time to actually review the manuscripts that are submitted to the journal. We have literally had scores of people serve as reviewers for the journal. We appreciate them making this vital contribution to the journal. Reviewing academic research is usually a thankless, but incredibly important task. Thank you to all of our reviewers. We really appreciate your efforts to provide timely, constructive feedback to the authors.

As the journal grew from publishing once per year to biannually, we decided to try something new. We decided to regularly publish special issues to capitalize on the expertise of scholars in the entrepreneurship field. I am very grateful to all of the Guest Editors for their efforts to help us publish the journal. They had complete control over the process to include recruiting papers, recruiting reviewers, and making the final editorial decision about what papers would be accepted to each special issue. We really appreciate their efforts.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Academy of Business Research, Inc. and Dr. Randall Valentine for deciding to develop a relationship with us earlier this year. From 2008 to early 2018, the journal was owned by the Southern Academy of Entrepreneurship, a 501(c)3 organization incorporated in Georgia. In early 2018, we entered into a contractual agreement to be jointly owned by the Academy of Business Research, Inc. and the Southern Academy of Entrepreneurship, Inc. We look forward to celebrating our twentieth anniversary in 2028 with the Academy of Business Research!