

Welcome!

Welcome to *Scholars Week 2006*. This year marks the fifth anniversary of Murray State University's *Scholars Week* celebration and is an achievement of which we can all be proud.

This academic year has again been a very productive one for both our undergraduate and graduate students as well as our faculty. In February, Murray State undergraduate students joined students from Kentucky's seven other public institutions at *Posters-at-the-Capitol*, an event in Frankfort organized by Murray State's Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity (URSA) office. Throughout the year, Murray State undergraduate students have received financial support for faculty mentored projects through the URSA Grant program. The second edition of *Chrysalis: The Murray State University Journal of Undergraduate Research* has been published and features the scholarly endeavors of students from across the campus. Finally, there is *Scholars Week*, the end-of-the-year celebration that recognizes the creative and scholarly work of hundreds of Murray State's undergraduate and graduate students.

I encourage you to attend as many of this year's *Scholars Week* oral and poster presentation sessions, performances and exhibits as possible. Your participation sends a clear signal that Murray State University understands and values the learning opportunities that our faculty provide.

I am grateful to you, our students and faculty, for making this another outstanding year of scholarly accomplishment at Murray State University.

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