A competition – open to all members of the Murray State University community – was held to select a name that captured the essence and intent of Murray State University’s new undergraduate journal. Many worthy entries were received. A committee, representing a broad cross section of university constituencies, was identified to make the selection. The names Chrysalis, submitted by Dr. Janis Murphy, and The Murray State University Journal of Undergraduate Research, submitted by both undergraduate Sarah Bullock and Dr. Bomman Logathan, were selected as best exemplifying the content and aspirations of the new journal. The winning entrants’ statements explaining the reason behind their name recommendation are provided here.

Chrysalis is an appropriate name for the Murray State University URSA Office’s undergraduate scholarship journal. The contributors to Chrysalis are currently in a formative stage of development, which symbolizes continual intellectual growth, peer/faculty collaboration and transformation. During their remarkable Chrysalis transformation or metamorphosis, these novice researchers are empowered to “spread their wings,” soar and embrace a more advanced stage of development, scholarship, life and accomplishment.

Janis E. Murphy
Assistant Professor
Educational Studies, Leadership and Counseling

The MSU Journal of Undergraduate Research
Why I chose the name:
I chose this name because I believe it accurately portrays what it is, an undergraduate journal. Short and sweet and right to the point!

Sarah Bullock
Wildlife Biology major
from Calhoun, Kentucky