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*A Note from our 2018-19 Editor-in-Chief*

Dear Readers,

Thank you for picking up this publication of *The Mall*. The staff and I are pleased to present work from the 2018-19 first-year seminar students. During the spring semester, we read through countless submissions, from essays analyzing *Breaking Bad*, to personal struggles and triumphs, to essays that made us wonder. This publication was exciting to put together as it allowed us a glimpse into the lives of our fellow first year students and their Butler experience. I hope you have a similar experience while reading this edition of *The Mall*. We crafted this year's *Mall* in the hope to continue to inspire and challenge future first year students by being representative of our university at large, and the great writing Butler students can create. The staff and I would like to extend our thanks to our contributors for being willing to share their writing not only with us, but with Butler University and its community. We would also like to thank the faculty that supported this publication by encouraging their first-year students to submit their stellar work. I hope you enjoy the 2018-19 edition of *The Mall*.

*Hannah M. Ratzler*

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