History and Political Science are subjects that evoke passion from all those who study them in depth. Within the eleventh edition of *Crescat Scientia*, I have chosen papers that truly express the interests of the students at Utah Valley University and evoke passion in our readers. I hope that I have successfully achieved this feat and inspired more interest within these disciplines.

History has always held a special place within my heart. My father was a History teacher and ever since I was young I have been curious about the way in which our world has developed. I wanted to ensure that multiple aspects of the history of the world were touched on to provide a somewhat complete look at how human civilization has prevailed through the centuries. Not only that, but I wanted to give readers and students alike a new perspective on World History.

Utah Valley University has provided avenues for students to explore their interests and passions. This is very noticeable in the papers that are published in this year’s edition. We, as a team, were able to accentuate the different areas and really capitalize on their historical importance.

History is all around us and can be found in the most unexpected places. From friendships to small town history to the development of our nation, history comes into play in our daily lives. I implore you to sit back and take a closer look at how history affects you and also how you can affect history.

*Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all.*

-George Washington

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