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Letter From the Editors

As we move forward within the ever-changing circumstances of COVID-19, we may find ourselves feeling overwhelmed by this time of transition. Change is far from always being easy, and, undoubtedly, we have seen many difficult changes during the pandemic. Although these changing circumstances have brought many struggles, including the ability to find community and be social in person, as vaccines become available and restrictions are lifted we find ourselves in a new world; a world where we have the chance to change. As we hope this volume will show, in many ways this arduous time is also a time of renewed opportunity. As a university and a community, we are working hard to create innovative ways to move forward. By cultivating new ways to establish broader connections, we are building a more interconnected community than ever before. Our ever increasing interconnectedness allows us to do things we never thought possible, both in-person and virtually. This is only the beginning and, through the continuous, dedicated efforts of our community, we are developing tangible hopes for our future.

Our team has worked diligently to reflect upon the ways the Humboldt State University community and beyond has stepped up during these difficult times. The overall goal of this issue is to continue to spread awareness and provide insight into what the community is doing to better serve those in their area. The pandemic is still



very evident, and so is the need to acknowledge the efforts of those on the frontlines of community-based work. This issue will serve as a reminder that although challenges arose during this time, so has the hunger to be of service in new ways.


This issue has not only opened doors for more shared experiences, it has allowed us to have bigger conversations about how we can better serve *you*, our readers and contributors. We are planning to open up workshops to help people submit their stories for our publication as well as connecting them to other publications on campus. We are also working to incorporate alternative media like art, poetry, and other creative outlets because we strive to be a more multimodal platform. At Redwood Roots Digital Magazine, we are dedicated to helping you highlight the contributions you do in and beyond Humboldt County.

Redwood Roots Digital Magazine seeks out and shares uplifting stories surrounding community-based learning. These narratives provide us with a sense of forward momentum, recognition of the past, and ultimately, hope. For the team of Redwood Roots Digital Magazine, our hope is that these stories can teach and inspire us to continue to work together, to support ethical relationships of health and well-being within our community and beyond.



Land Acknowledgement

Redwood Roots would like to acknowledge that Humboldt State University sits on the unceded, ancestral and current homelands of the many local tribes such as the Wiyot and Yurok people, who live, and have lived, in this area since time immemorial. We would like the community to continue to take action to move toward a future where local tribes have sovereignty over their homeland. You can take action to further this vision: take part in efforts to give land back to local tribes; pay an [honor tax](#) to the tribe whose land you reside on.





Purpose and Values

Redwood Roots' purpose is to provide a platform that highlights and shares stories of HSU's community engagement in Humboldt County and beyond. We publish stories that promote deep and enriching connections through learning, and enhance inclusivity within the community through efforts and examples of social and environmental justice.

1. Redwood Roots is a community platform that serves to provide a direct, diverse, and transparent narrative that further encourages communal collaborations between students, alumni, faculty, and community partners.
2. We highlight the diverse approaches HSU students engage in by combining learning objectives with community service, providing enriched experiences for personal and professional growth, and meeting the local needs of different communities.
3. We share stories promoting the welfare of others through an intersectional lens that creates lasting change, with acknowledgment and respect for the past.

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