

# Editors' Note

Thank you for reading the 23rd volume of the *Bryant Literary Review*. As Student Fiction Editors, we chose stories that touch upon topics of mental health and emotional well-being. We feel that these topics are more relevant than ever in these unprecedented times of health crises and stress over the past two years. This year's edition covers topics including mental illness, death, homelessness, morality, abuse, and suicide. We feel that this collection is an important commentary on the state of our world, and we hope that these stories help anyone struggling right now to recognize that they are not alone. If you are currently struggling with your mental health at this time, or any time, we encourage you to access the mental health resources provided below.

This edition will be the final edition that our team member, Aidan Quilty, will get to work on, as he will be graduating this coming May. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Professor Thomas Roach for being an amazing co-editor, teacher, and role model over the course of our Bryant careers. We are grateful for everything we have learned from him both in and outside of the classroom.

Thank you again for reading the *BLR* and exploring the collection we have prepared for you.

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Bryant Counseling Services: 401-232-6045 or email them at [bcs@bryant.edu](mailto:bcs@bryant.edu)

Dating Abuse and Domestic Violence: 1-866-331-9474

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration: 1-800-662-4357