



# Dear UAMS COMMUNITY

In early 2020, we launched *Medicine & Meaning* and then it feels like we all got thrown in the COVID netherworld.

At the outside of the pandemic we added a [55-Word](#) section and hoped to give our colleagues a venue for expression of the many feelings and emotions we all were experiencing.

The good news is that several artists in the UAMS team submitted their work in photos, images, poetry, fiction and non-fiction for [issue two of \*Medicine and Meaning\*](#). The bad news is that we are now in November and a deep sense of exhaustion and frustration is culminating this strange year of 2020.

We at *Medicine & Meaning* hope these creative pieces will help remind us all of our powers of imagination, of our eyes for beauty, and our sensitivity for deep emotions.

Please spend some time with our writers, poets, photographers, and painters, and share the great UAMS creative talent with your friends and family.

Wishing us all a good fall/winter season.

On behalf of the editorial board,  
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