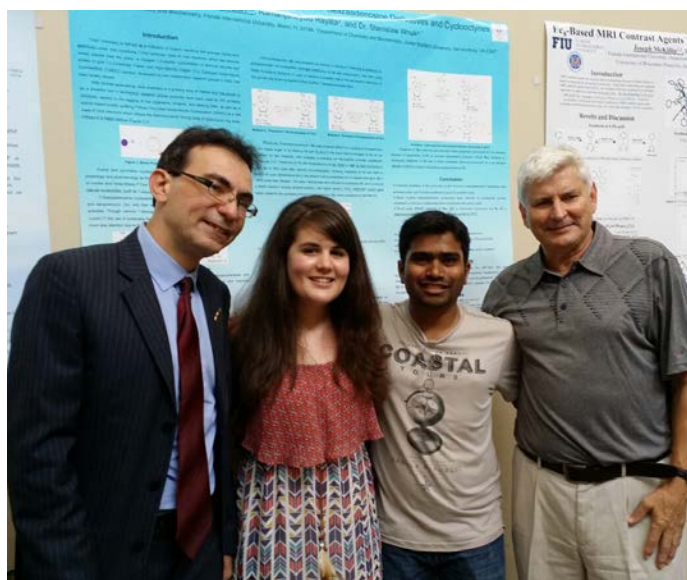
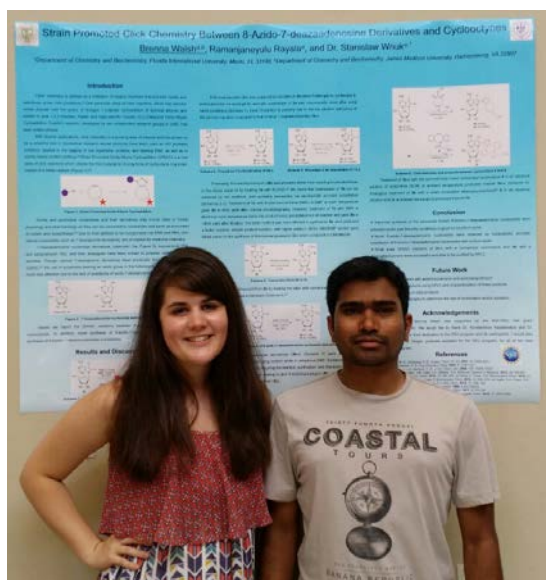
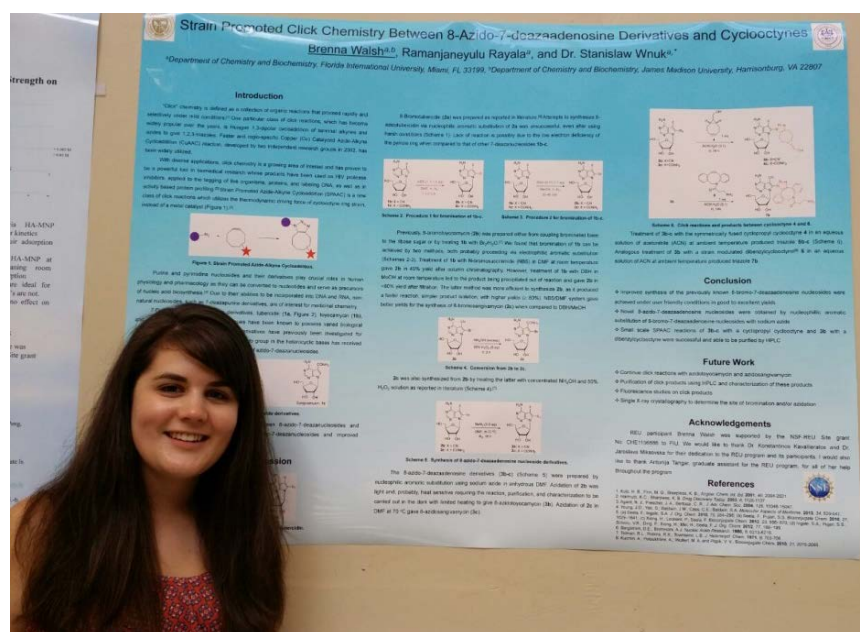




# Brenna Walsh's REU Poster Session and Farewell Lunch



Brenna Walsh is an undergraduate student from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. She was awarded with NSF-REU summer research fellowship at Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Florida International University. She has been doing research in Dr. Stanislaw F. Wnuk's group under the mentorship of Ph.D. candidate Ram Rayala. She worked on Strain Promoted Azide-Alkyne Cycloaddition (SPAAC) of 8-azido-7-deazanucleosides and various cyclooctynes. In addition, she developed a novel synthesis of 8-azido-7-deazanucleosides and improved the synthesis of 8-bromo-7-deazanucleosides. Her summer research was showcased at the annual REU Student Poster Session, shown below.



Left Picture: Brenna Walsh with her graduate student mentor, Ram Rayala, in front of their poster. Right Picture: FIU REU Program Director, Dr. Konstantinos Kavallieratos, with Brenna Walsh, Ram Rayala and her faculty mentor, Dr. Stanislaw Wnuk.

In celebration of her accomplishments we went to FIU's Fresh Food Company. Dr. Wnuk's research group, shown below (starting on left, clockwise around the table: Ram Rayala, Dr. Stansilaw Wnuk, Sam Kavoosi, Cesar Gonzalez, Yong Liang, Sazzad Hossain, Brenna Walsh, Jessica Zayas, Dr. Jesse Pulido) enjoying a delicious lunch.





A few gifts for Brenna to remember FIU by.



Dr. Wnuk and Brenna Walsh next to the Chemistry and Physics building.



Left to right: Sazzad Hossein, Cesar Gonzalez, Sam Kavooosi, Brenna Walsh, Dr. Stanislaw Wnuk, Jessica Zayas, Dr. Jesse Pulido, Yong Liang, Ram Rayala, and Mukesh Mudgal.