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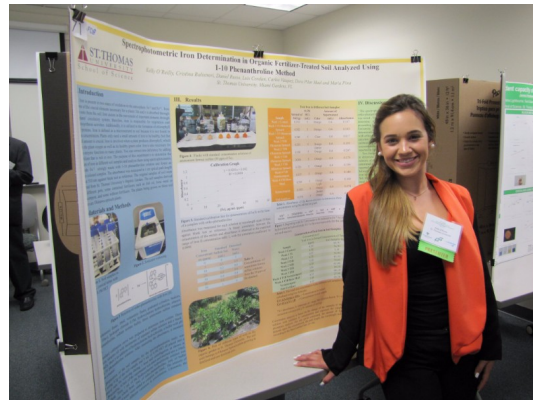
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## Students present at 5th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium

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On Saturday, April 1, 2017 over 200 life science undergraduate students and faculty from all across southern Florida judged or presented their original research at our 5th annual symposium.

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[Palm Beach State College](#) hosted the fifth and largest symposium yet, which included students from all [LSSF](#) member institutions: [FIU](#), [FAU](#), [Miami Dade College](#), [Nova Southeastern University](#), [Indian River State College](#), [Broward College](#), [St. Thomas University](#), [Palm Beach State College](#), [Florida Gulf Coast University](#), [Florida Memorial University](#), [Barry University](#), and the [University of Miami](#). We welcomed [Florida Memorial University \(FMU\)](#) faculty and students to their first year participating in the Symposium!

[PBSC President Ava L. Parker](#), [FIU Vice President Saif Ishoof](#), Long-time [Palm Beach County Commissioner Karen Marcus](#), [Scripps Florida scientist Dr. Brian Paegel](#) and 2012 Symposium Alum [Michael Butts](#) addressed the attendees, and encouraged them in their scientific endeavors.

"Our undergraduate students are an integral element of the life sciences community. Without them, South Florida would not have the infrastructure pipeline for a robust research community," stated [PBSC President Ava L. Parker](#).

Winners of the symposium earned technology prizes, including iPads, Beats headphones, and Apple TVs. All participants were entered into a raffle for six HP printers, sponsored by [FIU's Business Services](#). Symposium costs were paid for by LSSF member institutions, with support from PBSC's National Science Foundation (NSF) Innovate grant.

"This past Saturday's LSSF Undergraduate Research Symposium demonstrated that our region is rich with next level life sciences talent amongst our undergraduates. LSSF member institutions believe that by

superconnecting our unbelievable talent with research and innovation opportunities, we can prepare our students, faculty and region to define the next wave of disruption!" said Saif Ishaof.

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