

Chemistry Honors majors Deondre Jordan '19 and Barrett Powell '18 attended the 6<sup>th</sup> International Meeting on Quadruplex Nucleic Acids, held in Prague May 31-June 3, 2017. Both students have been researching Quadruplexes in the laboratory of Dr. Liliya Yatsunyk for over a year. Leading scientists from 30 countries around the world attended this conference and gave keynote lectures. Barrett and Deondre gave 90 second flash presentations and presented their posters. During one of the poster sessions Deondre discussed his findings with the world-renowned scientist Janez Plavec, whose work Deondre follows closely. Barrett could not help but notice how open and collaborative everyone was, sharing ideas for the common good and advancement of the field. This conference was transformative for both students who came back with a more thorough knowledge of the cutting-edge research in the field of unusual DNA structures.



Deondre, Barrett and two of our collaborators, Brad Chaires and John Trent, enjoying Prague and discussing science

