W&M's new President, Gene R. Nichol, visited the ARC on August 18th and was given a guided tour of the Surface Characterization Labs, rooms 123, 121 and 119. The tour was conducted by Amy Wilkerson with the help of the students and staff working in the lab. Our Vice-Provost and ARC Director, Dr. Dennis Manos, accompanied the President and gave him an overview of the scientific projects performed in the lab.

What is going on in the lab? What kind of research could be done with our lab equipment? What scientific problems do the current students face and solve while working in the lab? These and other questions were discussed by the President, students, and lab personnel during the visit.

During his visit, President Nichol met a number of students and listened to talks about their research projects.

The two pictures above show W&M graduate student, Nimel Theodore’s presentation on the results of his work to the President. Dr. Manos offers comments and explanations.

In these two pictures, another graduate student in Applied Science, Dee Dee Hopkins, talks about her research. On the screen, she shows the imaging capabilities of the ToF-SIMS, more specifically how she chemically maps certain molecular species.

Explanations, demonstrations, and discussions all took place during this visit.

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