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Welcome Back and Congratulations Gary!



Gary Graham returned in June for his fifth summer working in the Surface Characterization Labs. Gary started his first summer working for Jefferson Lab as a participant in the Department of Energy's Teacher Academy in Physical Science (TAPS) program and returned the following summers to work for William & Mary as a senior laboratory technician.

Prior to returning this summer, Gary retired from Spotsylvania Public Schools (SPS). He ended his career with the SPS school division after 10 years as an 8th grade physical science teacher at Chancellor Middle School in Fredericksburg. Highlights of his teaching career included the following:

- 7 years as Science Department Head at Chancellor Middle School and Spotsylvania County Science Standards of Learning (SOL) Resource Committee member
- Helped revise the 8th grade county-wide Science Benchmark questions in 2004
- 2005 "Virginia Distinguished Middle School Science Teacher" as awarded by the Virginia Section of the American Chemical Society
- 2008 Chancellor Middle School "Teacher of the Year"
- U.S. Department of Energy Academies for Creating Teacher Scientists (ACTS) Participant
- U.S. Department of Energy TAPS Participant
- Northrop Grumman Weightless Flights of Discovery Participant

Even in retirement, Gary will not end his work as an educator. He has recently been selected to participate in the Virginia Initiative for Science Teaching and Achievement (VISTA) program. VISTA is a partnership among 47 school districts, six universities, and the Virginia Department of Education. This program will work to improve science teaching and student learning throughout Virginia especially in high-need (high-poverty, high minority) schools.

Thank You William & Mary!

On June 10th, Amy, Olga, Richard, Nick and Song attended the annual William & Mary Employee Appreciation Day luncheon. Everyone enjoyed the delicious buffet served under the oak trees of the Wren Yard. The afternoon included the presentation of service awards and prizes with honorees and winners receiving a very spirited escort from the Griffin. Our group also received a special visit from Bernadette Kulas and IT's very own Lance Richardson. After the luncheon, we learned that Brandt Robertson was the lucky winner of four tickets to a William & Mary football game this fall.



Bernadette, Song, Olga, Lance, Richard and Amy are pictured here at the luncheon in the Wren Yard.

Candid Pics:



Brandt (right) is pictured providing FESEM assistance to visitors from Mariner's Museum.



Nick is pictured providing FTIR assistance to Michelle Bailey, a SULI participant from Christopher Newport University.