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### NOAA OAR/GFDL Leadership and team visits CUNY CREST Institute

On March 13, 2023, a 7-members delegate led by the Director Dr. Ram Ramaswamy, NOAA Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR) Geophysics Fluid Dynamics Lab (GFDL) team visited CUNY Remote Sensing Earth Systems (CREST) Institute at the City College of New York, NY.

The purpose of the meeting was to expand the existing and explore new research and training collaborations between GFDL and CUNY. The meeting was kicked off with an overview presentations by the CUNY CREST Director Dr. Reza Khanbilvardi and NOAA/OAR/GFDL Director Ram Ramasawamy.



The GFDL team then converged into a group discussion with the CUNY CREST faculty and students on potential initiatives of mutual interests and institutional priorities.

After a brief lunch, the team proceeded to the CUNY CREST Lab facilities tour provided by Drs. Fred Moshary, Yongua Wu and Mr. Paul Alabi at the CUNY Optical Remote Sensing LIDAR lab, Satellite Receiving Station lab, and by Dr. Maria Tzortziou's lab at the City College's Center for Discovery Innovation (CDI) lab.




The team was impressed by the research and the training provided to the next generation early career professionals and students. Alana Menendez, a NOAA-CESSRST Graduate Fellow (Advisor Dr. Maria Tzortziou) shared her research and mentoring experience on cutting-edge research that aims at understanding the bio-geochemical profiles in land-coastal waters in Long Island Sound (LIS) and that in Arctic region and how it impacts the local coastal and indigenous communities.



The day ended with an executive session where the GFDL and CREST leadership recapped the days' highlights and brainstormed on next steps in the areas that are critical and of mutual interests in the areas of research and training, that integrates social science, and with the modeling community. The leadership will meet again in late spring and lay the foundations of future long term collaborations.

The GFDL and CUNY CREST Team plan to meet on July 11 at the GFDL lab, Princeton, NJ.

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