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We are both saddened and outraged by the recent bomb threats that have been made against several Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). As educators, we share with our HBCU partners the goal of improving humanity through teaching and learning. Threats of violence have no place in our society, and will not intimidate our efforts to increase diversity, equity, justice and inclusivity in our fields and across society. We stand with our HBCU colleagues in condemnation of racist words and actions.

Recognizing Black History Month

AGU is committed to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in the scientific community and beyond—this is why we offer a wide variety of resources to support students and educators from all backgrounds. Linked below are this month’s selection of articles, involvement opportunities, and scholastic programs, all aimed to encourage equal, accessible education and professional development in the Earth and space sciences.

Please click here to watch a video from AGU President Susan Lozier as she shares her thoughts about Black History Month and highlights a member of the AGU community who is working to increase diversity in the geosciences.

Transitioning From Transactional to Transformational: Diversity in the Geosciences

In Eos’s latest opinion piece, Rebecca Haacker, Melissa Burt and Marissa Vara argue that diversification efforts in the geosciences must move beyond the “business case” (the rationale for cultural and experiential variety in a professional community) and pursue diversity in the workplace for the purpose of equity.

Click here to read the complete article, and here to subscribe to Eos for the latest in science news (it’s free)!
Bridge Program Student Applications Open Now!

The AGU Bridge Program increases opportunities for students from historically marginalized populations to obtain graduate degrees and create a network of peers, mentors, and advisers to support and serve them before, during and after graduate school. If you have a degree closely related to geosciences, please apply to be a part of this great program.

Student applications are open between now and March 31st—click [here](#) to learn more and apply!

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Spring Grant Applications Open Now!

AGU offers many great opportunities—primarily to students—to support travel to AGU meetings and conduct research in specific Earth and space science fields. Please review eligibility requirements and application deadlines before applying, and direct any questions to [grants@agu.org](mailto:grants@agu.org).

Click [here](#) to access the grant list and application portal. Applications for research grants are due by April 15th!

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AGU Needs YOU!

The Education Section is looking for volunteers to fill leadership positions now! We are seeking candidates for president-elect and secretary—join us in our mission to provide a home and voice for educators and education researchers in all areas of geoscience!

We also welcome participation in our working groups, such as [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)](#), [Students and Early Career (SEC)](#), and Geoscience Education Research. If you’d like to contribute to a community involved in education, outreach, and science communication, these groups are for you!

Please contact [Education Section President Tanya Furman](mailto:furman@psu.edu) at furman@psu.edu for details.
Support AGU and the Education Section

AGU extends its gratitude to all who donate—your contributions are what allow us to continue to enhance connectivity across all of the Earth and space sciences by providing educational expertise, scholarship, and partnership development with other organizations and the public. Your contributions to campaigns like Honor an Educator make it possible to enhance professional inclusivity for teachers and researchers around the world.

The Education Section welcomes your continued support! Please click here to learn more about donating to AGU and the Honor an Educator campaign.