### Diversity, Equity Inclusion and Accessibility

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- Ashley will work with RAs and IOOS Office:
  - to amplify existing and planned efforts to improve DEIA and service equity,
  - Research and recommend best practices for improving service equity including codevelopment
  - Training opportunities for staff,
  - Workforce development and support,
  - Seek partnerships, and
  - Identify next steps including possible funding opportunities



#### **RA** Activities

# **Board and Management**

- Management
  - Revised policies, position papers
  - Dedicated committees and working groups (engage outside participants) to explore options
  - Training examples
    - Unlearning Racism in Geosciences
    - Seventh Sovereign Training
    - Diversity training
  - Work force
    - Hiring practices
    - Training
    - Outreach



# **Underserved Communities**

Service Equity
And
Accessibility

- Transactional vs Actual relationships
  - Long term, show up with no agenda
- Compensation for time and knowledge
- Traditional ecological knowledge and western knowledge
- Data accessibility
  - Delivery mechanisms
- Grant programs for pilot efforts for underserved communities



## Partnerships!

IOOS will not do this alone

Stronger together

- Sister programs such as Sea Grant
- JEDI STEM organizations
- State agencies
- NGOs
- Academic partners, HBCU
- Foundations
  - Technology access foundation
- Schools
- and more...

