

## **Expanding Opportunities Mission**

The overriding mission of the *Expanding Opportunities Conferences* is simple:

To actively encourage minorities to pursue careers in the fields of Oceanic/Marine and Atmospheric Sciences. To that end, participants at each of the Conferences have worked to establish strategic alliances among the government, academic, and business communities.

The purpose of *this* Conference, the third of its kind, was three-fold:

1. Develop new sustainable alliances
2. Evaluate and strengthen previously established alliances
3. Identify impediments to progress and strategize to overcome these impediments