



NCAS-M II News: August 2026

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NCAS-M II Spotlights



[NCAS-M Faculty and Alumna Receive Prestigious AMS Honors](#)

NCAS-M proudly celebrates **Dr. Xin-Zhong Liang**, **Isha Renta Lopez**, **Dr. Sen Chiao**, and **Dr. Charles Ichoku**, who have been recognized by the American Meteorological Society for outstanding achievements in atmospheric science, mentorship, and professional leadership. These honors reflect the breadth of excellence across the NCAS-M community, from pioneering Earth system research to mentorship, science communication, and community engagement.



[Two NCAS-M Fellows Selected for the 2026 NOAA EPP Graduate Fellowship Program](#)

NCAS-M is proud to announce that two of its graduate fellows — **Myah Rather** of Howard University and **Liam Sheji** of the University at Albany, SUNY — have been selected for the highly competitive 2026 NOAA Educational Partnership Program Graduate Fellowship Program. The NOAA EPP Graduate Fellowship Program offers outstanding doctoral students from NOAA Cooperative Science Centers the opportunity to spend 12 months conducting research alongside scientists and mentors at NOAA laboratories and offices across the nation.

News and Announcements



[EPP25 Biennial Education and Science Forum Recap Now Available](#)

The report highlights the NOAA Educational Partnership Program’s 25th Biennial Education and Science Forum, held July 20–23, 2026, at The City College of New York. It includes highlights from technical sessions, student research presentations, career development activities, business meetings, and participant feedback, while recognizing the contributions of the Cooperative Science Centers, including NCAS-M.

[NCAS-M Launches MAPCRAFT: A Participatory Mapping Education Strategy Connecting D.C. Students to Environmental Justice](#)

NCAS-M, with funding from the National Geographic Society, is proud to announce the launch of MAPCRAFT, a first-of-its-kind geography education strategy led by Dr. Rodolfo Hernández and Dr. Aara’L Yarber at Howard University that empowers Washington, D.C., high school students to investigate air quality and environmental health disparities in their own neighborhoods using innovative hybrid digital and analog mapping methods.

[Howard University Beltsville Campus Hosts Drone Academy](#)

Approximately 30–40 students, faculty, and staff visited the Howard University Beltsville Campus for a facility tour and hands-on drone flight activities that highlighted emerging technologies in atmospheric and environmental science.

[AMS Meeting 2027 Abstract Deadline Approaching; NCAS-M to Host HBCU & Friends Reception](#)

Researchers planning to present at the 2027 AMS Annual Meeting should note that the abstract submission deadline is Tuesday, August 11, 2026. NCAS-M also looks forward to welcoming colleagues to its annual HBCU & Friends Reception during the meeting—a longstanding opportunity to connect, network, and celebrate the atmospheric science community.

[NOAA EPP Trailblazers Series Now Available on YouTube](#)

The NOAA Educational Partnership Program Trailblazers Series is now live on YouTube. This video series highlights the voices, leadership, and contributions of trailblazers who have helped shape and strengthen the NOAA EPP partnership.

Recent and Upcoming Events

August 2026	August 14 Ongoing Ongoing	- Individual Student Development Plan (SDP) Summer Progress Report Due (Required) - NERTO/UG Internships conclude - Preparation for new cohort students
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[View Full Calendar](#)

Opportunities

[NOAA’s National Weather Service Launches Nationwide Hiring for Entry-Level Meteorologists](#)

The National Weather Service has launched a nationwide hiring initiative for entry-level meteorologists to support continuous 24/7 operations, strengthen mission delivery, and advance NWS Transformation efforts. NWS aims to begin by filling **145 entry-level meteorologist positions** this fiscal year. Students, recent graduates, and early-career professionals interested in operational meteorology are encouraged to review the announcements and apply through USAJOBS.

[View All Opportunities](#)

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