



## WPO Newsletter

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### Letter from Acting Director - Ray Tanabe



Happy December and Season's greetings from the NOAA Weather Program Office. I am approaching 2 months as the acting Director and I continue to be amazed at the outstanding work being supported by WPO programs and staff. As we approach the end of 2023, it's a great time to recognize a few highlights, like WPO staff who participate in career panels at local universities and give presentations at the American Geophysical Union Annual Conference. WPO staff will be active in the upcoming American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting in Baltimore and hope to see you there.

I was delighted to attend a recent OAR all-hands meeting where several WPO staff members were recognized for their exceptional work with OAR Team Member of the Year awards. Read all about it in this month's newsletter!

It's been over two decades since I cracked open a "blue book" to take an atmospheric dynamics final exam at the University of Hawaii. I have fond memories of my graduate program years, including the opportunity to be a student intern at the Weather Forecast Office in Honolulu, HI. The internship turned into a full-time position when I graduated and jump-started my career in NOAA. WPO staff were all students once upon a time and we continue to support development of the next generation of NOAA employees. The call for summer student internships is now open and we encourage all interested students to apply.

I wish you all a happy holiday season and hope everyone is able to take some time away from our never ending meeting calendars. Don't be afraid to turn off your laptop and put it in a drawer for a bit, I'm sure it will turn back on. LOL. Please find the time to enjoy the simple things in life with family and friends. Me? I plan to spend some time at the beach and hopefully catch a few fish. We look forward to seeing you in the new year!

## Meet our Team

## IN THE NEWS



### WPO Participates in NOAA Career Panel at Local AMS Chapter at University of Maryland

A panel of eight NOAA federal employees and affiliates including three from WPO joined the University of Maryland American Meteorological Society (AMS) Student Chapter for a dynamic conversation on careers in NOAA!



### Seven WPO Staff Receive OAR 2023 Awards

WPO is proud to share the news that seven members of our team have been recognized as recipients of the OAR 2023 awards.

#### Former WPO Interns



### Seeking Summer 2024 Interns

Summer 2024 intern applications are now open. Check out our [Student Opportunities page](#) for application deadlines.



Have a wonderful holiday season!  
See you in 2024.



