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AGI Supports Geoscience at U.S. Universities

The American Geological Institute (AGI) congratulates all of the members of the geosciences community who joined it in efforts to demonstrate the importance of maintaining geosciences programs on college and university campuses. In particular, AGI is pleased that the leadership of the University of Florida has recognized the critical role of the geosciences in addressing societal issues of the state and Nation, and in the portfolio of a well-rounded university education by preserving the geosciences on their campus as they make the difficult budget decisions faced in this economic downturn.

AGI strives to expand awareness of the role of the geosciences as a discipline and a profession through its outreach activities and the publications “The Critical Needs of the Twenty-First Century: The Role of the Geosciences” to policy-makers and “The Status of the Geoscience Workforce” report. AGI’s Workforce Program supports the development of the profession while EARTH magazine exposes the general public to the vital importance of the geosciences through monthly general interest earth science news features.

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