Engaging more than 2000 undergraduate students in ocean research experiences with RUCOOL over the last 15 years!!

CONCLUSIONS

- Global Challenge: Provide food, water, energy and economic security for a growing population on a changing planet
- The emerging new blue economy responding to this challenge must be enabled by a diverse workforce capable of creating new knowledge and communicating the risk
- Our undergraduate research pathway prepares experienced and inspired students able to translate data into knowledge they can communicate for decision-making

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