



## The Download with Dave

### Welcome to Beacon Bytes

OSHEAN is starting the new year with a return of the newsletter communication we had provided to members over the years. Welcome to the first edition of Beacon Bits! As many of you know, Beacon is the name of our network, hence we couldn't resist the pun! The newsletters of the past were branded under the name ("The Bridge"), but we decided to retire that name for reasons obvious to any Rhode Islander!

Our aim is to reinvigorate the ways we keep in contact with our membership. We tend to struggle at times with communicating the fast pace of change in keeping our primary objectives of service to the membership front and center. This is the first of a couple of new initiatives to bring some consistent vehicles of communication to our community.

We hope you enjoy the first issue and please note that we will be wide open to any member who wishes to highlight some of their work and share with the community at large.

Cheers,  
Dave

**Dave Marble**

CEO

David Marble is the President and CEO of OSHEAN Inc., and brings 40+ years of experience in engineering, sales and marketing, and operations in internet and telecommunications companies.

David serves on a number of regional boards, national boards, and strategic committees in the R&E community.

## Member Story

### Rhode Island Research Administration Collaborative (RIRAC)

Earlier this year it was announced that five esteemed Rhode Island higher education institutions, all part of the OSHEAN member community, have been awarded \$3 million in funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF). This funding will support the establishment of the Rhode Island Research Administration Collaborative (RIRAC), a first-of-its-kind initiative in the Ocean State. The participating institutions—Roger Williams University, Providence College, Rhode Island College, Rhode Island School of Design, and Salve Regina University—are set to transform the research landscape in Rhode Island and beyond.

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## OSHEAN Project Highlight

### Housing Authority of Newport

During the COVID-19 pandemic, residents of the Newport Housing Authority in Rhode Island encountered a distinctive challenge: the urgent necessity for affordable and dependable internet access. This need was particularly pronounced as numerous residents, especially senior citizens, found themselves confined to their homes, increasingly reliant on digital connectivity.

The steep costs of broadband services exacerbated an already wide digital divide within the community.

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## Community News

### OSHEAN Adopts A Family!

This past holiday season, OSHEAN got involved in our new hometown of Warwick, Rhode Island, by participating in West Bay Community Action's Adopt-A-Family program. This impactful initiative provides essential support

and joy to families in need during the holiday season, ensuring that the spirit of giving resonates throughout the community.

By adopting a local family, OSHEAN has joined forces with other community members and organizations to make the holidays brighter for children and families facing economic challenges.

[Read More About Our Work With West Bay Community Action Program](#)

## Employee Spotlight

### May Igoe



May Igoe, OSHEAN's Support Engineer, brings a unique and inspiring journey of resilience and growth to the team. Originally from the Dominican Republic, May moved to the United States six years ago. During the pandemic, she stepped up as a nurse assistant to address the critical shortage of medical personnel, demonstrating her commitment to service and community.

In late 2023, as the world returned to a sense of normalcy, May embarked on a new chapter, pursuing a career in IT with a focus on cybersecurity and networking. Currently studying at the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) and set to graduate in the spring, May also serves as Vice President of CCRI's Cybersecurity Club. She is dedicated to applying her learnings and acquiring new skills in her role as a Support Engineer at OSHEAN, contributing to the organization's mission with enthusiasm and determination.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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