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It's both our tagline, and our recipe for success.

Whether you're an entrepreneur with a new venture, a seasoned executive helping to grow an established business, or a small team of inventors with a game-changing idea. You're all innovators, and all with the same goal. To get your product into customer hands.

Fortunately, you have 401 Tech Bridge on your side.



We look forward to offering you more programs and support in the coming year!



Join the Marine Technology Society & 401 Tech Bridge for Network Social in Middletown

Join local companies and MTS members for Drinks, Hors D'Oeuvres, and Networking at 401Tech Bridge newly opened collaboration space in Middletown, RI.

When: Tuesday Jan 16th

Where: 401Tech Bridge Middletown Location
127 John Clarke Rd. Middletown, RI 02842

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

The **Marine Technology Society** (MTS) believes that the advancements in the development and use of marine technologies are essential to support responsible and sustainable use of the ocean. Our members are engineers, scientists, technologists, policy makers, and educators on the leading-edge of technology design and application. MTS members work within the full spectrum of ocean and subsea technologies that support sustainable ocean use, ranging from offshore energy to dynamic positioning, ocean robotics to buoys, and many more.

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Finding Inspiration in Nashville

The Defense Manufacturing Conference (DMC) is the nation's annual forum for enhancing and leveraging the efforts of leaders across the defense manufacturing industrial base. Attending this year's DMC conference in Nashville, TN with over 1,000 attendees, Linda Larsen, our Operations Manager was able to gain insight and engage with representatives ranging from CEO- and Flag Officer/SES-level, to working-level engineers, scientists, and policy makers, to exchange information and perspectives on defense manufacturing policies, strategic direction, best practices, funding opportunities, and the latest manufacturing innovations that will benefit our warfighters.

"Developing programming to support technology development and industry growth that will respond to the demand signals received to meet the current needs and solve the future problems of our warfighters is critical", Larsen stated. 401 Tech Bridge initiatives throughout 2024 are being designed and implemented with this very goal."





AUKUS Partnership Sparks Rhode Island's Global Collaboration

In September 2021, leaders of Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States announced the creation of an enhanced trilateral security partnership called "AUKUS." AUKUS is intended to strengthen the ability of each government to support security and defense interests, building on longstanding multilateral and bilateral ties. Only two months later 401 Tech Bridge Director Erik Brine, in his previous role at URI, led the development of a relationship and the signing of a MOU with Flinders University in Adelaide Australia to collaborate on advanced research, education, and workforce development in areas specifically related to the AUKUS partnership.

Since then, he has continued to develop relationships in Australia and the UK to advance the workforce and economic development opportunities around AUKUS here in Rhode Island. Erik, in his new role at 401 Tech Bridge, recently returned from attending sessions abroad with a URI delegation, Flinders University, economic development organizations in South Australia, and government representatives to discuss collaboration opportunities in education, workforce development, and technology development and demonstration. New legislation in the recently signed National Defense Authorization Act has expanded the ability to share information, technology, and workforce with these closest partners to bolster our combined defense-related science, technology, industrial bases, and supply chains.

401 Tech Bridge is excited to continue building and leading initiatives with our partners in Australia and the UK to leverage and advance our Rhode Island workforce and economy, which is critical to US national security in the undersea domain. We are committed to further strengthening our local innovation and defense ecosystem and increasing opportunities for the industry partners and academic institutions we serve.

ONGOING TECH SCOUTING EFFORTS

Are you an innovator developing products and technology for undersea, offshore, maritime, or Blue Tech? Below are a few of the opportunities



that 401 Tech Bridge is currently sourcing.
New opportunities arise all the time. Contact us to learn more!

- ACOUSTIC RELEASE BOTTOM UNIT
- PASSIVE ACOUSTIC RECORDER
- MICRO UNMANNED UNDERSEA VEHICLE (UUV)
- HIGH DEXTERITY PREHENSOR
- REMOTELY OPERATED VEHICLE - ROV

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Creating a Culture of Innovation

The fall cohort of i(X)Studio students completed training and presented their business ideas at the premier i(X)Studio's Entrepreneur's Pitch Night.

13 innovators presented their pitch concepts. 3 awards were presented. Congratulations to all the participants!

Award recipients include:

- **Jason Noel & Jake Bonney - RIOTS**, a cost-effective and eco-friendly scientific chartering service

RIOTS would offer a cost- and time-effective alternative to traditional research or fishing vessels, would be easier to schedule in advance, and would be focused on the primary research needed.

- **Willy Njeru - Nanovyx**, a drug delivery solution

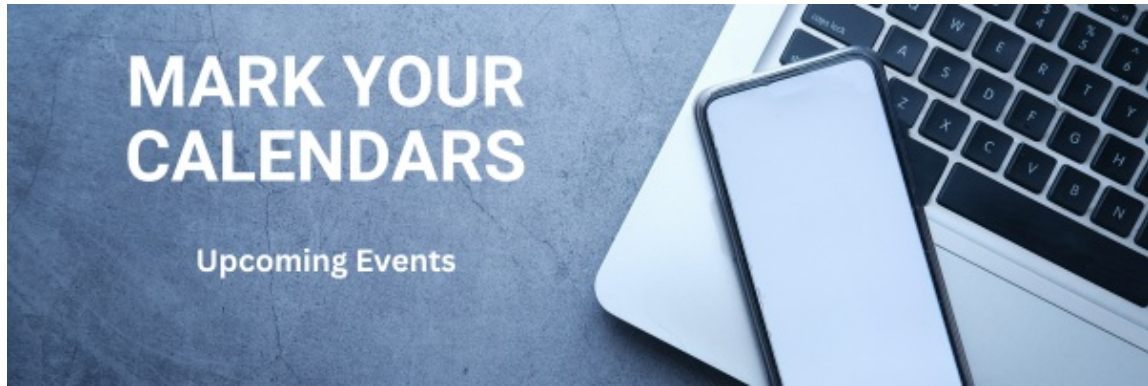
Nanovyx is a startup concept for a technology that uses bacterial molecules to carry antibiotics.

- **Erik Carlson - Launch pad**

The Vector Company is a technology solution that will enable the next generation of ecological research.

The studio provides aspiring entrepreneurs with tools, mentorship and networking opportunities, to help create a sustainable workforce in Rhode Island. The program helps translate URI-based ideas into intellectual property and then into products, services and potential start-up ventures.

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SAVE THE DATE | UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MTS & 401TB Networking Event** | Tuesday, January 16 | Middletown
- **Blue Innovation Symposium** | February 26 - 29th | Newport
- **Spring Technology Showcase** | Thursday, April 4th | Middletown
- **Upcoming Demonstrations & Experimentations | Save the Date**
 - **Undersea / Multidomain Communications | Thursday, March 14th**
 - Digital Twin / Virtual Worlds – Modeling & Simulation | Thursday, April 25th
 - Persistent Monitoring & Sensors | Tuesday, May 21st
 - Unmanned Systems | Thursday, June 13th

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