

A composite image showing the OSIRIS-REx spacecraft in orbit around Earth. The spacecraft is a grey, boxy object with two large, black, rectangular solar panels extended outwards. It is positioned in the center-left of the frame, with the Earth's blue and white clouds visible in the background. A dark blue banner with white text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

WAVE TO OSIRIS-REx

On Sept. 22, NASA's asteroid-hunting spacecraft, OSIRIS-REx, will fly by Earth and use the planet's gravitational force to slingshot itself out into space. This maneuver, known as an Earth Gravity Assist, will put OSIRIS-REx

on course to visit asteroid Bennu, where it will collect a sample of some of the oldest material in the solar system. While the engineering team is busy carrying out the Earth Gravity Assist, the mission invites members of the public to mark the occasion by participating in the Wave to OSIRIS-REx social media campaign.

How to join: Take a picture of yourself or your group waving to OSIRIS-REx as it makes its closest approach to Earth. Then share your photo using the hashtag #HelloOSIRISREx and tagging the mission account on Twitter (@OSIRISREx) or Instagram (@OSIRIS_REx). Bonus: Include one of these printable graphics in your photo!

When: Start posting pictures as soon as you like, or wait until the OSIRIS-REx spacecraft makes its closest approach to Earth at 9:52 PT/12:52 ET/16:52 UTC on Friday, Sept. 22, 2017.

Who: Individuals all over the world! Science centers, air & space museums, K-12 classes, universities and other groups are also encouraged to gather a crowd for a photo during the spacecraft's flyby on Sept. 22.

What's next: Watch the #HelloOSIRISREx hashtag to view submissions from around the world. The mission, NASA and other mission-related accounts may re-share some submissions on social media, create a mosaic or other combined products, or aggregate selected submissions on relevant websites.

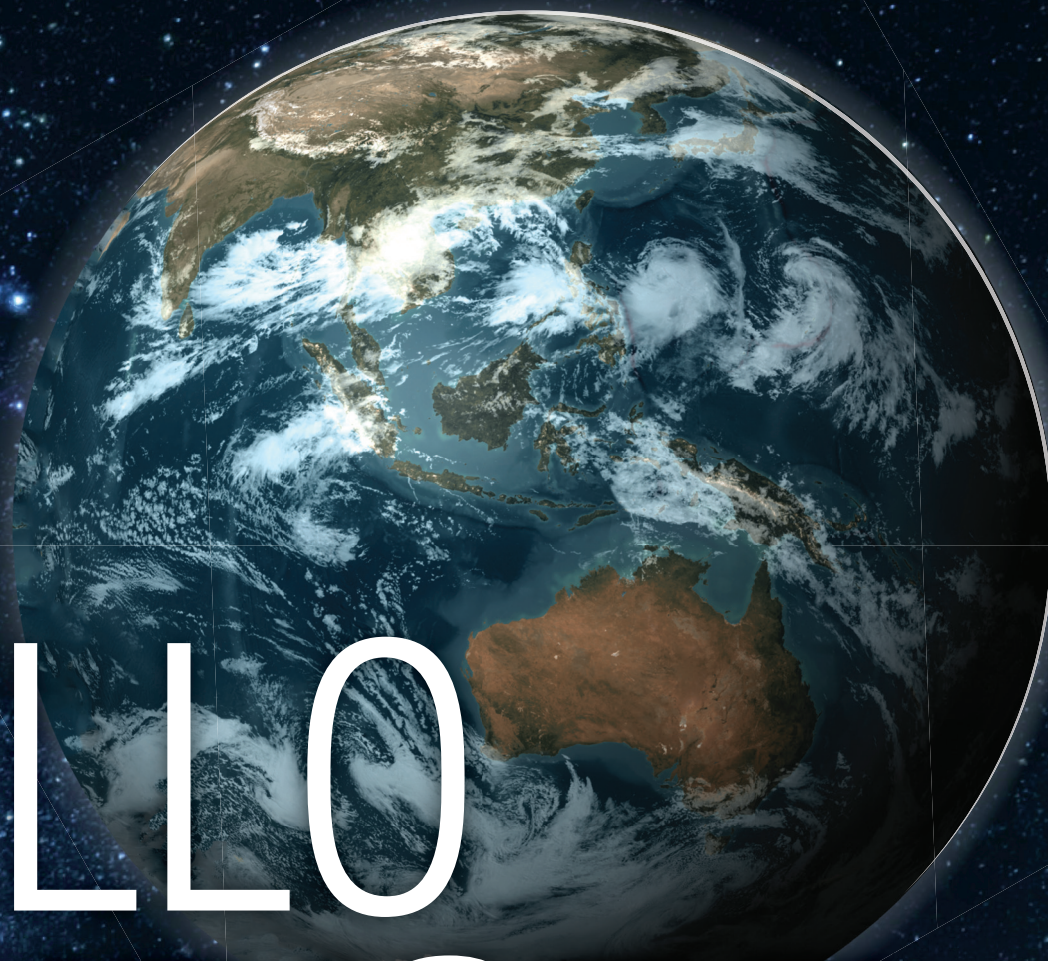
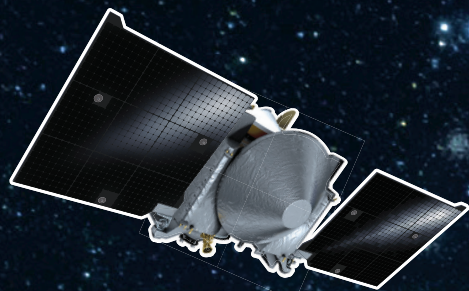




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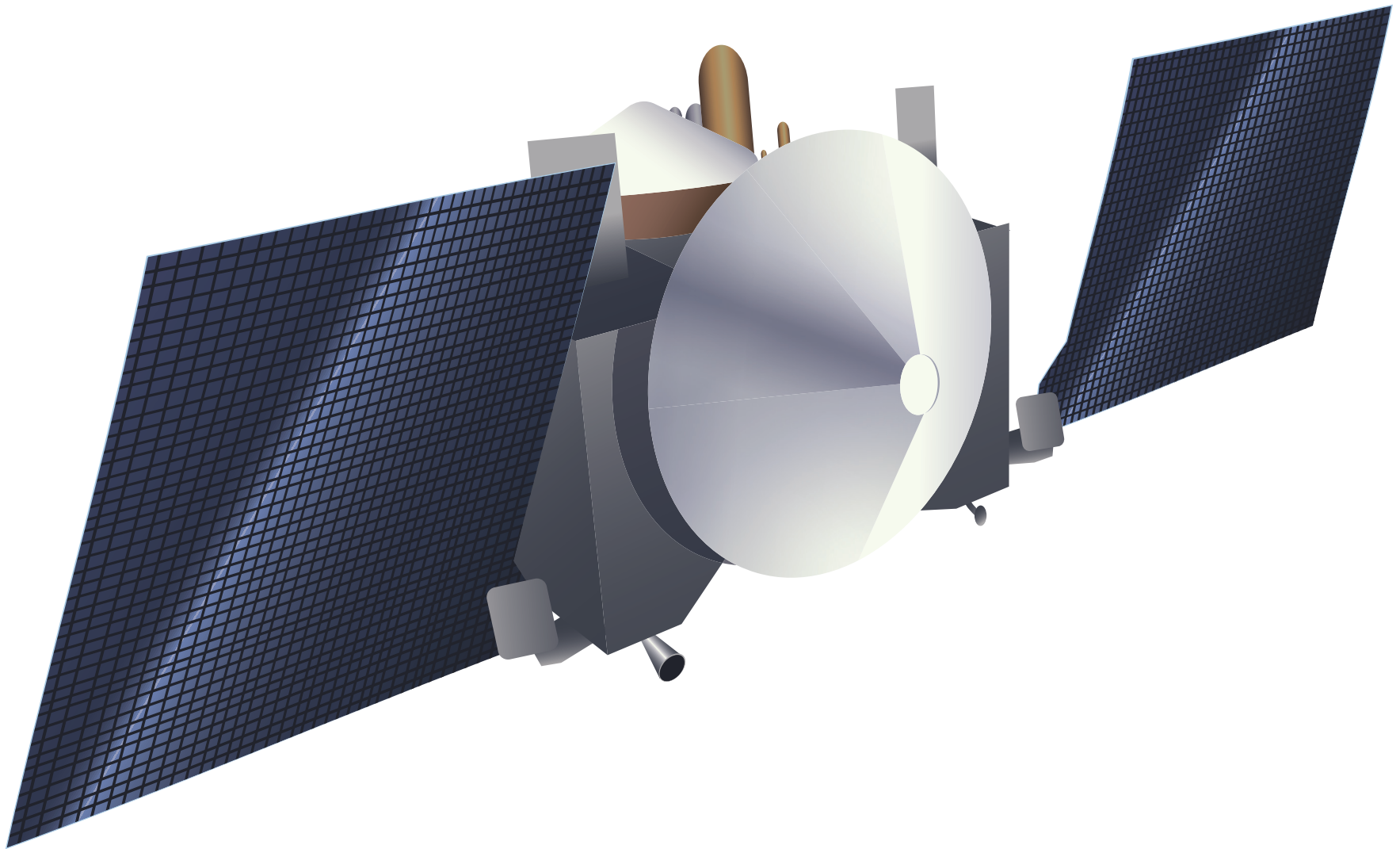
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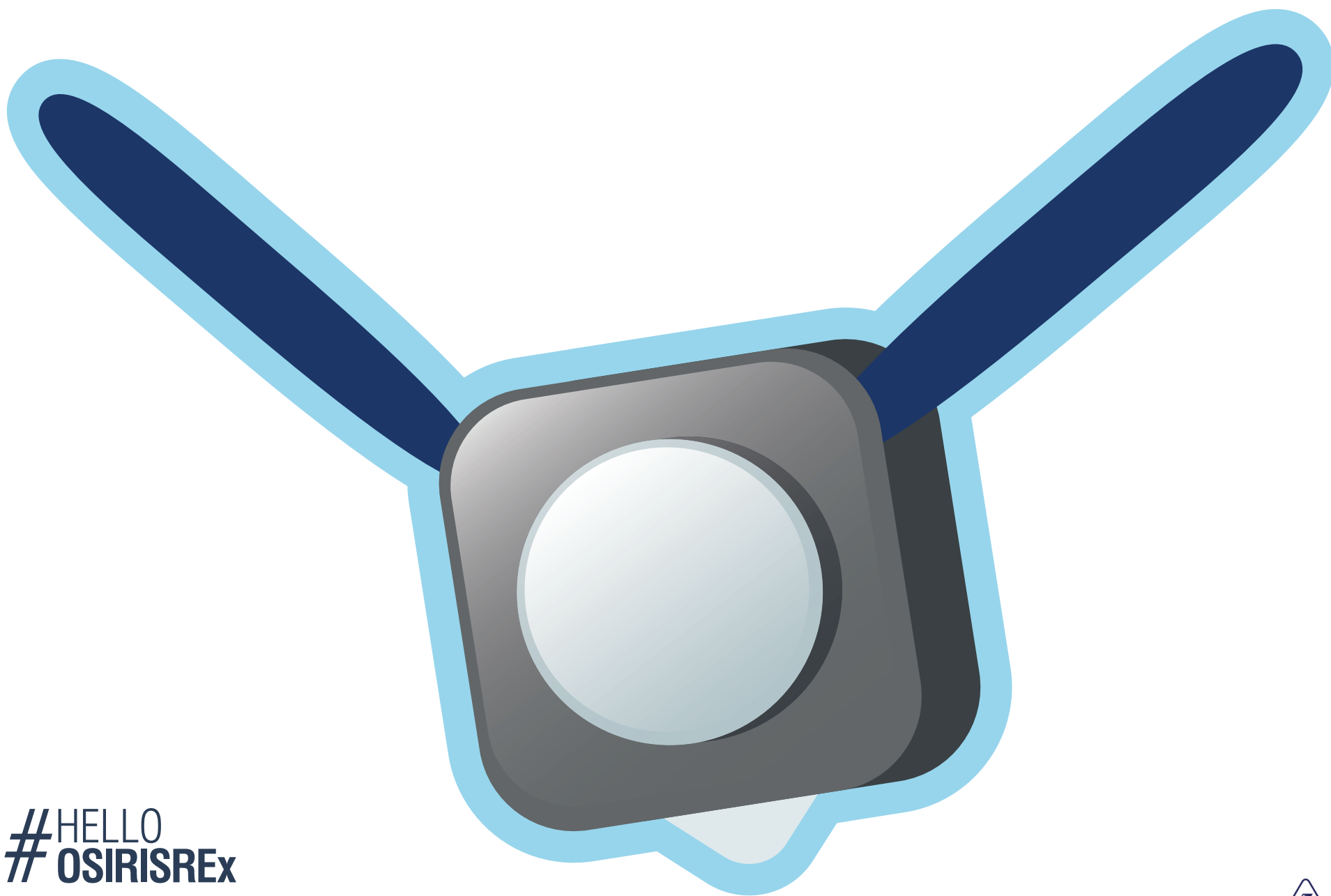


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