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### **PORT FREEPORT ANNOUNCES 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL TAKE-A-CHILD FISHING TOURNAMENT LOGO DRAWING CONTEST WINNERS**

**FREEPORT, TX (March 22, 2021)** – Port Freeport is pleased to announce the winners of the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Take-A-Child Fishing Tournament (TACFT) Logo Drawing Contest. Brazoria County’s youth ages 3-14 are eligible to enter the contest and are invited by flyers distributed electronically to the schools within the Navigation District.

The first-place winner of the TACFT Logo Drawing Contest is Luis Garcia Arriaza, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student at West Brazos Junior High School. Luis was awarded a framed print of his drawing and a \$125 Visa gift card. Mia Spargo, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Brazosport Christian School, won second place and was presented with a \$75 Visa gift card and a framed print of her drawing. The third-place winner, Macy Pretz, a 6th grade student at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School, also received a framed print of her drawing and won a \$50 Visa gift card. The art coordinators at the top three schools and organizations who submitted the most entries were also provided with gift cards to purchase art supplies for their classrooms as a thank you for supporting their students in participating in the contest.

“It was both a pleasure and a challenge to select finalists from over a record 430 entries submitted by the gifted young artists across the Navigation District,” Port Freeport Executive Director/CEO Phyllis Saathoff said. “With the recent winter storm, we extended the deadline to ensure participants had adequate opportunity to enter the contest. We appreciate the youth of our community sharing their talents with us and look forward to another great fishing tournament on May 8<sup>th</sup>.”

The Port Commission, Community Advisory Panel members, TACFT Sponsors and Port Freeport staff voted anonymously for their favorite drawing from the top 15 finalists. The winning logo is used on all flyers, posters, advertisements, and t-shirts for the tournament.

“The Port Freeport Commission enjoys the opportunity to connect with the youth and their families through the logo drawing contest each year,” Port Freeport Commission Chairman Shane Pirtle said. “We offer our congratulations to the winners and thank all participants for their entries. We also extend our thanks to the teachers and staff who helped inspire participation in

the contest, specifically the Boys and Girls Club of Brazoria County who encouraged the most entries this year, collectively.”

The 21st Annual Port Freeport Take-A-Child Fishing Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 8 at Freeport Municipal Park from 8 a.m. – noon. For more information, please visit the website at <http://www.portfreeport.com/community>, the Port Freeport Facebook page, or call (979) 233-2667.

Port Freeport is a leading port in the export of crude oil and natural gas liquids and ranked 6th in chemicals, 15th in foreign waterborne tonnage, and 26th in containers. A 2019 Economic Impact Study by Texas A&M Transportation Institute revealed that, nationally, the Freeport Harbor Channel generates 279,780 jobs and has a total economic output of \$149 billion. Port Freeport serves Atlantic Container Lines, AMPORTS, BASF, Chiquita Fresh N.A., CEMEX, CMA CGM, Dole Fresh Fruit, The Dow Chemical Company, Enterprise Products, Exxon Mobile, Freeport LNG, Glovis, Grimaldi Lines, Hoegh Autoliners, Kirby Marine, Liberty Global Logistics, Mammoet, MEGlobal, Phillips 66, Riviana Foods, Inc., Sallaum Lines, Tenaris, U.S Department of Energy, Wallenius Wilhelmsen, and Vulcan Materials Company.

Port Freeport is committed to keeping the local community informed of our operations and results. If you have questions or comments about this article, please email or call Jessica Follett, Public Affairs Manager.

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**PHOTO CUTLINE 1: West Brazos Junior High Principal Jeffrey Kinney, Port Freeport Public Affairs Manager Jessica Follett, 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner Luis Garcia Arriaza, and West Brazos Junior High Assistant Principal Leah Liserio.**



**PHOTO CUTLINE 2: Port Freeport Public Affairs Manager Jessica Follett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winner Mia Spargo, Brazosport Christian School Art Teacher Sherry Evans, and Brazosport Christian School Secondary Principal Skyler Sikes.**



**PHOTO CUTLINE 3: Port Freeport Public Affairs Manager Jessica Follett, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winner Macy Pretz, and Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School Sixth Grade Teacher Ross Sanchez.**