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### **PORT FREEPORT ANNOUNCES 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL TAKE-A-CHILD FISHING TOURNAMENT LOGO DRAWING CONTEST WINNERS**

**FREEPORT, TX (March 6, 2023)** – Port Freeport is excited to announce the winners of the 23rd Annual Take-A-Child Fishing Tournament Logo Drawing Contest. Brazoria County’s youth ages 3-14 and in the grades Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to enter the contest. The community youth are invited by flyers distributed electronically to the schools within the Navigation District.

The first-place winner of the logo drawing contest is Elora Sanford, an 8<sup>th</sup>-grade student at Fairview Junior High in Alvin. She was awarded a \$150 Visa gift card and a framed print of her drawing. Kaydence Crowder, a 5<sup>th</sup>-grade student at Sweeny Elementary School, won second place and was presented with a \$75 Visa gift card and a framed print of her drawing. The third-place winner is Whitley Ferry, a 6<sup>th</sup>-grade student at Brazosport Christian School. She also received a framed print of her drawing and a \$50 Visa gift card. The top 16 finalists will receive a restaurant gift card as an appreciation for their efforts. The Boys and Girls Club of Brazoria County had the most drawing entries submitted. Their art coordinator will receive a gift card to purchase art supplies as a thank-you for encouraging their students in participating in the contest.

The Port Commission, Port Freeport staff, and visitors voted anonymously for their favorite drawing from the top 16 finalists which were selected from the 410 entries submitted this year. The winning logo is used on all flyers, posters, advertisements, and event t-shirts for the tournament.

“We are thrilled young artists across the navigation district share their talent with us year after year,” Port Freeport Executive Director/CEO Phyllis Saathoff said. “We appreciate the youth entering the contest with their families and schools supporting them. We look forward to hosting the fishing tournament and hope our community families will join us for a fun day of creating life-

long memories.”

“Our community youth artwork demonstrates their familiarity with the annual fishing tournament,” Port Freeport Commission Chairman John Hoss said. “The Port Commission offers our congratulations to the winners and thanks all contestants and finalists for their entries. We are grateful to the school districts, and staff, along with the participants’ families for supporting the contest.”

The 23rd Annual Port Freeport Take-A-Child Fishing Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 6th at the Freeport Municipal Park from 8 a.m. – noon. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information on how to become a sponsor, please visit the website at <https://www.portfreeport.com/freeport-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, 11th in foreign waterborne export tonnage, and 26th in containers. A 2022 Economic Impact Study by Texas A&M Transportation Institute revealed that, nationally, the Freeport Harbor Channel generates 266,300 jobs and has a total economic output of \$157.3 billion. Port Freeport serves Alliera, Atlantic Container Lines, AMPORTS, BASF, Chiquita Fresh N.A., Dole Fresh Fruit, The Dow Chemical Company, Enterprise Products Partners, ExxonMobil, Freeport LNG, Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Glovis, Grimaldi Lines, Hoegh Autoliners, Kirby Marine, Liberty Global Logistics, Mammoet, MEGlobal, NYK RORO, Oceanus Line, Phillips 66, Riviana Foods, Inc., Sallaum Lines, Tenaris, U.S Department of Energy, Volkswagen Group of America, and Vulcan Materials Company.

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PHOTO CUTLINE 1: Port Commissioner Rudy Santos presents to logo drawing contest winner Elora Sanford; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student from Fairview Junior High School. Also featured are Asst. Principal Melissa Compton; Principal Dale Tribble; Art Teacher Stephanie Torres and Asst. Principal Victor Martinez.



PHOTO CUTLINE 2: Port Commissioner Shane Pirtle and Port Freeport CFO Rob Lowe present to 2nd place winner Kaydence Crowder, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade student from Sweeny Elementary.



PHOTO CUTLINE 3: Port Commissioner Shane Pirtle and Port Freeport CFO Rob Lowe present to 3rd place winner Whitley Ferry; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade student from Brazosport Christian School. Also featured are Art Teacher Sherry Evans and Elementary Principal Lindsey Pulido.