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PORT FREEPORT AWARDS PRIZES TO THE 22nd ANNUAL TAKE-A-CHILD FISHING TOURNAMENT LOGO DRAWING CONTEST WINNERS

FREEPORT, TX (March 25, 2022) – Port Freeport is pleased to announce the winners of the 22nd 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 Port Freeport Navigation District.

The first-place winner of the TACFT Logo Drawing Contest is Benjamin Damian, a 5thgrade student at Grady Rasco Middle School. He was awarded a \$150 Visa gift card and a framed print of his drawing. Mia Parra, an 8th-grade student at Sweeny Junior High School won second place and was presented with a \$75 Visa gift card and a framed print of her drawing. The thirdplace winner is Luis Garcia, an 8th-grade student at West Brazos Junior High School. He also received a framed print of his drawing and a \$50 Visa gift card. 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 to participate in the contest.

"This year we received a record of over 475 entries from the gifted young artists across Brazoria County. Each year, selecting finalists is both a pleasure and a challenge, and this year was no exception," Port Freeport Executive Director/CEO Phyllis Saathoff said. "We appreciate the youth sharing their talents with us, and their families supporting them. We look forward to hosting our community families at the fishing tournament on May 14th."

The Port Commission, Community Advisory Panel members, Port Freeport staff, and Sponsors 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.

"Commissioners of Port Freeport proudly announce the logo drawing contest that kicks off the annual Take-A-Child Fishing Tournament. Artwork from the youth in our community demonstrates such creativity and their familiarity with the tournament," Port Freeport Commission Chairman John Hoss said. "On behalf of the Port Commission, we offer our congratulations to the winners and thank all participants for their entries. We appreciate the school districts and staff who encourage participation in this family-oriented contest."

The 22nd Annual Port Freeport Take-A-Child Fishing Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 14th 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 http://www.portfreeport.com/community, the Port Freeport Facebook page, or call (979) 233-2667.

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PHOTO CUTLINE 1: Port Freeport Executive Director/CEO Phyllis Saathoff and the Logo Drawing Contest winner Benjamin Damian.



PHOTO CUTLINE 2: Port Freeport Controller Mary Campus, 2nd Place winner Mia Parra, and Sweeny Junior High School Assistant Principal Crayton Henry.



PHOTO CUTLINE 3: West Brazos Junior High Assistant Principal Leah Liserio, Assistant Principal Kathy Humbird, 3rd Place winner Luis Garcia, and Principal Jeffrey Kinney, Port Freeport Controller Mary Campus.