

MEDIA ADVISORY

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## Port of New Orleans to Host 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Maritime Month Career Exploration Day

New Orleans Charter Science and Math High School Students to Learn About Maritime Industry Careers

**NEW ORLEANS** — The Port of New Orleans (Port NOLA) will host students from New Orleans Charter Science and Mathematics High School to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Maritime Month Career Exploration Day, an event that allows high school students to learn about the many career paths available in the maritime industry, on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

"Port NOLA's Career Exploration Day is a way for the Port to connect with local youth and introduce them to the diverse opportunities that exist in the maritime sector right here in our own backyard," said Brandy D. Christian, Port of New Orleans President and CEO. "We are proud to host this annual event and we look forward to connecting with students in our community who will one day be driving our region's success."

Students participating in Career Exploration Day will meet and learn from maritime professionals about the career opportunities in the industry. Students will also board the Gen. Roy S. Kelley fireboat for a waterside tour on the Mississippi River of Port NOLA's cargo and cruise facilities.

What: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Maritime Month Career Exploration Day

- When: Thursday, May 3, 2018 11:00 a.m. CDT
- Where: Port of New Orleans Administration Building 1350 Port of New Orleans Place New Orleans, LA 70130

Career Exploration Day is one of several events scheduled as part of Port NOLA's celebration of Maritime Month (May) and National Maritime Day (May 22) paying tribute to the region's rich maritime history and the men and women who make it work. The theme of Port NOLA's 2018 Maritime Month is "Your Working River 300" in recognition of the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the city of New Orleans, which was founded around the early maritime activity on the Mississippi.

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