

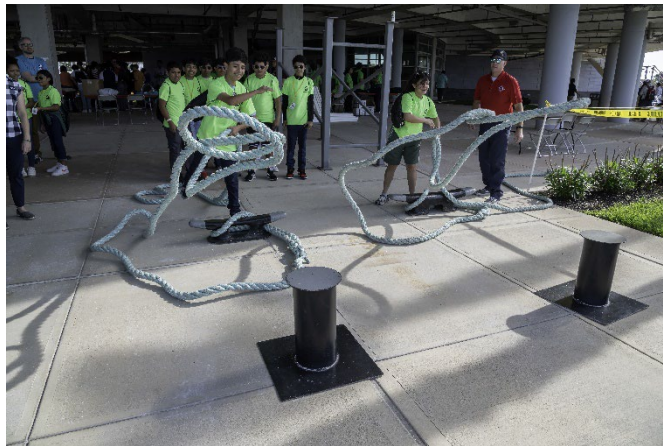


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PORT HOUSTON PARTNERS IN MARITIME EDUCATION

Preparing More Ways for Future Students to Entire the Maritime Workforces

HOUSTON – Last week, the Port Houston Partners in Maritime Education (PHPME) Executive Advisory Council held a day-long workshop and reviewed the program's annual performance measures and initiatives. The session culminated with the group's recommendations providing ways to target more communities, improve industry engagement, partner with like-minded organizations, and better market the program to prepare future students to enter the maritime workforce.



Students enjoyed an activity at the Maritime & Logistics Youth Expo earlier this year. This annual event, supported by Port of Houston Partners in Maritime Education, enables students across multiple school districts to interact with more than 35 maritime partners and learn more about different careers in the industry. The expo features mariners' presentations on towboats, harbor tugs, barges, shipping forklifts, dredging, survey vessels, and maritime salvage equipment.

PHPME is an alliance of industry, business, community, and academic stakeholders and local, state, and federal entities to address the need for a well-trained talent pool of future maritime leaders. As the organization seeks continual improvement, the PHPME Board of Directors formed an Executive Advisory Council of senior executives from various aspects of the maritime industry to provide strategic guidance on further enhancing the program.

As the organization has grown and matured over the past 14 years, it has brought much success in raising awareness of maritime education in our local community. Today, there are nine Maritime and Logistics Career and Technical Education (CTE) High school programs serving more than 900 students in the fields of Maritime Science, Logistics, Transportation, Distribution, Engineering, and other related fields of study, such as Security, Environment, and Global Supply Chain in many cases providing dual credit courses and industry-specific certifications.

In addition to supporting these Maritime and Logistics CTE programs, PHPME coordinates career-focused field trips, expos, seminars, internships, and scholarship opportunities. Since its inception, PHPME has provided over \$255,000 in support of local maritime education.

Maritime careers offer a path for people from all walks of life. Whether you've recently graduated high school or college, are looking to transition from one career to another, or have recently retired from the military, maritime jobs offer a top salary, benefits, and opportunities to advance. Maritime careers are dynamic, exciting, and diverse. Port Houston is a proud participant in the work of PHPME.

For more information or if you are interested in becoming a part of Port Houston Partners in Maritime Education (PHPME), please contact Port Houston Education Outreach Manager Jacquie Young at MaritimeEd@porthouston.com.

About Port Houston

For more than 100 years, Port Houston has owned and operated the public wharves and terminals along the Houston Ship Channel, including the area's largest breakbulk facility and two of the most efficient container terminals in the country. Port Houston is the advocate and a strategic leader for the Channel. The Houston Ship Channel complex and its more than 200 private and eight public terminals is the nation's largest port for waterborne tonnage and an essential economic engine for the Houston region, the state of Texas and the U.S. The Port of Houston supports the creation of nearly 1.5 million jobs in Texas and 3.37 million jobs nationwide, and economic activity totaling \$439 billion in Texas and \$906 billion in economic impact across the nation. For more information, visit the website at PortHouston.com.

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