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**PORT FREEPORT CEO HONORED AS UHCL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI**

**FREEPORT, TX (December 9, 2019)** – Recently, Port Freeport Executive Director/CEO, Phyllis Saathoff, was presented the 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award by the University of Houston-Clear Lake (UHCL). The Distinguished Alumni Award honors University of Houston-Clear Lake graduates who have made significant contributions to society and whose accomplishments have brought credit to the university.

“It is an honor to receive this award from the institution that helped propel my professional career. The University of Houston-Clear Lake afforded me the knowledge and skills foundation necessary to lead a dynamic and fast-growing port that continues to see remarkable economic expansion and job creation,” said Saathoff.

After moving to the Houston area amid her college career, Saathoff enrolled at UH-Clear Lake to continue her pursuit of a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, later becoming a Certified Public Accountant. She has over 25 of service in the port industry, most of which have been at Port Freeport where she has served as CEO since 2016.

“We chose to honor Ms. Saathoff-Oliver for several reasons: notably, for the honor she brings to our institution; for all she has done and continues to do to bring prosperity and economic stability to our Gulf Coast communities, and for her stellar career, which certainly inspires others to chase their own dreams,” said UHCL President Ira K. Blake.

Nationally, Port Freeport is ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in chemicals, 19<sup>th</sup> in total tonnage, and 26<sup>th</sup> in containers. The Freeport Harbor Channel serves BASF, Chiquita Fresh N.A., CMA CGM, Dole Fresh Fruit, The Dow Chemical Company, Freeport LNG, Hoegh Autoliners, Horizon Terminal Services, Mammoet, Phillips 66, Riviana Foods, Inc., Seaway Crude Pipeline Company, Sallaum Lines, Tenaris, and Vulcan Materials Company.

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**PHOTO OUTLINE: Port Freeport Executive Director/CEO Phyllis Saathoff receives the 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award from UHCL President Ira K. Blake.**