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## **Port St. Joe Student Chosen to Represent Program for High Schoolers with Disabilities**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (December 4, 2024) – The Able Trust is excited to name a Port St. Joe High School junior as an Ambassador of its Florida High School High Tech (HSHT) program for high school students with disabilities.

Eljai Brown of Port St. Joe was selected to represent Gulf County. Brown was among six Ambassadors chosen from the statewide pool of applicants based on their active participation in HSHT and compelling video presentations.

“What I love about High School High Tech is learning about different career opportunities,” said Brown. “I know I’m up to the task of being an Ambassador.”

As an Ambassador, Brown will have the opportunity to share his HSHT stories on a broader scale; participate in events designed to prepare him for postsecondary education and the workforce; develop new employability and soft skills; and hold a leadership role in HSHT as a face of the program.

“We are excited to welcome Eljai as a High School High Tech Ambassador to serve as a steward of the activity in his community and throughout Florida,” said Allison Chase, President and CEO of The Able Trust. “This is a fantastic way for him to build his resume and access networking opportunities for future jobs, postsecondary training and ultimately a rewarding career.”

Junior and senior HSHT students interested in strengthening their leadership, communication and presentation skills can apply to be Ambassadors. Students applying to serve as Ambassadors must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA; actively participate in their area HSHT program; attend training, meetings and speaking events; and promote HSHT events via social media, word of mouth and other avenues.

To learn more about the Florida High School High Tech program, visit [www.abletrust.org/high-school-high-tech](http://www.abletrust.org/high-school-high-tech).

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Established by the Florida legislature to support the Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the mission of The Able Trust is to advance employment for Floridians with disabilities through engagement, investment, and collaboration. The Able Trust supports efforts to raise awareness and increase employment opportunities of Floridians with disabilities. Today's students are our future workforce, and The Able Trust youth programs support students with disabilities by providing transition services to help prepare them for life after high school.