

ICABA launches a multimedia network for Black professionals and entrepreneurs

New integrated platform connects accomplished Blacks through events, print and online



The ICABA Team: (Standing l-r): Charles Smart, Cornelius Green, Jonathan Edwards. (Seated l-r): Dhaima Smart, Jerome Hutchinson Jr. and Dianne Williams.

By Tia Jackson

MIAMI, FL - Prominent business leaders, Black professionals and entrepreneurs convened in South Florida on Nov. 18, 2008 to witness the launch of ICABA, a new multimedia brand that seeks to identify, connect and activate accomplished Blacks around the world.

During the launch reception, ICABA unveiled an integrated marketing platform that includes a multifaceted website with a social networking component, print directories and signature events.

"There was a need for an integrated platform that would connect and activate business relationships among accomplished Blacks," stated Jerome Hutchinson Jr., chief executive officer of ICABA Media Holdings, LLC. "ICABA was created to enable accomplished Black professionals and entrepreneurs to develop partnerships, pursue business

information that supports their goals and aspirations."

ICABA stands for Identifying, Connecting and Activating the Black Accomplished.

The website, <http://www.icabaonline.com>, features pictorial directories, video profiles, a lifestyle TV channel, blogs, video conferencing and a social networking component to promote new relationships.

A print publication, to be published quarterly, profiles accomplished individuals and organizations, and serves as a directory for Black professionals and entrepreneurs.

Signature events, including art shows, recognition receptions and group travel excursions, will take place in local markets to strengthen the alliances of those in the network.

"ICABA offers a mix of online and offline networking opportunities to encourage a greater sense of interconnectivity and increase business opportunities for those within the Black community," said

a marketing vehicle to companies desiring an interactive relationship with affluent Black consumers."

With plans in place to grow

the ICABA brand in 2009, local events, directories and Web content will launch in Denver, Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, Dallas, Louisville, Washing-

ton, D.C. and internationally, in Jamaica.

James Tarlton, president and CEO of The Broward Alliance, Peggy Nordeen, pres-

ident of Starmark International and John Ruffin, president and CEO of Ruffin Associates were among the business professionals at the ICABA launch reception.

Liberty League Football All Star team features 15 Dutchmen honors

SCHEENECTADY, NY — The 2008 Liberty League Football All Star Teams have been announced, and a total of 14 Union College players received a total of 15 honors.

The first team featured unanimous selection Chris Coney out Fort Lauderdale, Fla., at running back, while Tight End Josh McKelligan and Offensive Linemen Colin Berry and Tony Morello joined Coney on the first team offensive unit. The Union defensive players selected to the first team were Defensive Lineman Tim Romano and Linebacker Joseph Catalano.

Coney had 1,283 yards and 18 touchdowns in nine games. He had the fourth most rushing yards in a regular season in Union history and the third most rushing touchdowns in a season for a Dutchman all time.

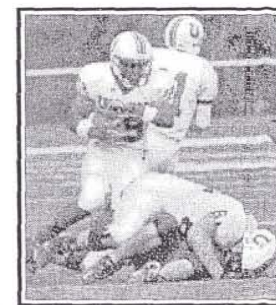
He led the Liberty League in rushing, scoring and touchdowns, and ranks in the top 20 in NCAA Division III in rushing and scoring. Coney was third in the league in all purpose yards and seventh in total offense.

He had two 200-yard rushing games and also had four other games with 100 yards rushing. He had 244 rushing with three TDs at Susquehanna and 243 with three TDs at Hobart. He rushed for four TDs vs. Rochester and three vs. St. Lawrence. Coney had a rushing TD in eight of the nine games and had five games with at least two rushing

McKelligan, a co-captain, had 345 yards on 28 receptions, an average of 12.3 yards per catch. He had 88 receiving yards at RPI and 70 at Springfield. He had five games of 40 or more receiving yards and had a touchdown reception vs. Merchant Marine.

Morello, also a co-captain, started at right tackle for three straight seasons and was a D3Football.com All East Region selection as well as a Liberty League First Team honoree in the 2007 season. He started 30 consecutive games and won a total of three league all star honors.

Romano had 54 tackles, including 37 solo hits, and 7.5 sacks for losses with 4.5 sacks. He had a season high 12 tackles at RPI, and 10 tackles at home vs. Rochester. He had nine solo hits for UR and eight vs. RPI. Romano is tied for third in the Liberty League



Chris Coney out of Fort Lauderdale.

in sacks and leads Union in sacks.

Co-captain Catalano finished with 62 tackles with 3.5 for losses. He had 10 tackles in the regular season finale at Susquehanna, including 1.5 for losses.

Peters had 75 tackles and two sacks, with 48 solo hits. He was seventh in the Liberty League in tackles. He had at least seven tackles in eight of the nine games, with a high of 14 vs. Rochester and a high of eight solo hits against the Yellowjackets.

Johnson finished with 143 punt return yards on 15 returns. He had 37 yards in punt returns at RPI, and 35 at WPI. He also had 28 yds. In the game vs. Rochester and had 27 yds. vs. Merchant Marine, with a season high four returns for the Merchant Marine game.

Union finished 5-4, recording a 28th straight non-losing season. Head Coach John Audino has coached the Dutchmen 17 seasons and has never had a losing season.

Undergraduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha chartered at Nova Southeastern University

History was made as Upsilon Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (AKA) chartered an undergraduate chapter on the campus of Nova Southeastern University (NSU) during the spring of 2008. Seventeen young ladies became members of Sigma Chi during the chartering ceremony.

In April of 2008 a Membership Intake Luncheon, which was open to the public was held at the Sheraton Fort Lauderdale Airport Hotel. This was the first opportunity for the public to meet the new

win, membership chair. After many hours of planning and hard work, the dream became a reality.

Atlantic Regional Director, Sonja W. Garcia.

New members of Sigma Chi Chapter of AKA are Kettia Alusma, Liana Aquino, Camille Clair, Angelica Clarke, Melissa Correia, Wendy Fluoridor, Ashle Gopie, Sathasha Gordon, Alexandra Heron, Krystle Kirkland, Cassandra Lafaille, Athene Lightburn,

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