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Monthly Newsletter



Above: IVY League Champion Football Team
Below: NIRA National Champion Women's Rugby Team

STUDENT-ATHLETE HIGHLIGHT

This month we will be highlighting Idia Ihensekhien '21 of the 2021 Ivy League and NIRA National Champion Women's Rugby team and Isaiah Johnson '22 of the 2021 Ivy League Champion Football team.



Isaiah Johnson '22

- Member of the Dartmouth Football Team (1st Team All-Ivy 2021)
- Government Major
- Member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Founding member of Embattled and the Dartmouth College Community Project, two programs focused on addressing the issue of sexual assault on Dartmouth's campus
- Isiah started playing flag football at 6 and then tackle football at 9.
- "This holiday season I'm looking forward to spending time with my family, especially my one year old nephew who's getting his second Christmas."
- Favorite pre-game song: "All eyes on me" and "Troublesome '96" by Tupac Shakur

Idia Ihensekhien '21

- Member of the Dartmouth Women's Rugby Team
- MVP of 2021 NIRA National Championship game v Army
- Anthropology Major with an interest in biological anthropology
- Idia started playing rugby in 9th grade. She's played on team Canada since 2017 (u18 & u20) and Team Ontario (u18 & u20)
- "Pre-covid I didn't realize how much of a privilege it is to be able to play rugby. For me, this season was another chance to do what I love with the people I love."
- "I'm most looking forward to spending time with my friends and family... it's been a long time since I've seen either of them."
- Favorite pre-game song: "Faneto" by Chief Keef and "Fi di jockey" by Aidonia



THE MONTHLY CAMPUS RECAP

On November 2nd, we hosted a headshot event where our black athletes were able to receive professionally done headshots. We had more than 30 student-athletes attend who were able to get updated headshots or headshots for the first time, and are now being used for things like LinkedIn profile pictures.

Also this month, we hosted "The Art of the Interview" event, where the CPD talked to our black student-athletes about how to prepare and perform well in interviews. At this event we also had a showing of more than 30 athletes who were able to learn and practice interview essentials, proper follow ups, and got a refresher on where to find additional support and guidance for approaching interviews.

We have also created an alumni directory so you can provide professional and personal guidance to our Black student-athletes. Join the alumni directory [HERE!](#)

January Events: MLK Game-day Celebration

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 17, Men's Basketball will be playing Harvard. DBSAA is partnering up with Athletics in hosting an experience centered around the legacy of MLK. Other Black organizations around campus, including the AAm, will also be working alongside DBSAA to honor MLK throughout the game.

More from our Student Highlights!

How does it feel to be a champion?

IJ: "To be a champion is everything you work for as a competitor. It's the reason you get up at 5:00 in the winter to go workout, knowing you'll likely get another work out later in the day. I'm grateful for the opportunity to be on this team of guys who were all willing to do those things and put in the work so we could accomplish our goals. To put it simply I'm extremely happy"

Highlight of your Dartmouth career?

II: "The highlight of my Dartmouth career would be winning nationals this season. After all the hard work throughout the season to maintain our lead, it was great to see it pay off. We've always been a strong team but this is the first time that we've had a shut out. With everyone working hard and pushing through fatigue and stress to secure the ring. This season was the first time the 21s have been together since 2018 due to injuries and covid. This is the also first time that we were able to implement every thing that we have practiced into our games and reap the fruits of our labor."