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**LEADERSHIP TAMPA ALUMNI PRESENTS LEADERSHIP AWARD TO
CHASE C. STOCKON**

CEO of Panther International, LLC Receives Parke Wright III Award

TAMPA, Fla. – (Jan. 22, 2008) – Chase C. Stockon, CEO/President of Panther International, LLC, received the 2008 Parke Wright III Leadership Award from Leadership Tampa Alumni (LTA) at the organization's annual meeting January 16, 2008 at the Renaissance Hotel Tampa, International Plaza.

In addition to founding and operating one of the leading on-line technology and application development companies in this region, Stockon is heavily involved in community and civic activities. He currently serves on the on the Board of Directors of The Spring of Tampa Bay, and is their Finance Director and Nomination Chair. Stockon is also Past Chairman and Aquarium Foundation Chairman for the Florida Aquarium.

Michael Carrere, executive vice president of Lykes Bros. Inc., presented Stockon with a \$2,000 honorarium to be given to the charity of his choice. "We are pleased to support the contributions and initiatives of Leadership Tampa and to honor the example of Parke Wright's lifelong commitment of giving back to his community, state and country," said. Lykes Bros. Inc. family presents an honorarium to each year's winner to commemorate Wright's leadership in all aspects of business, community and civic culture.

A longtime friend of Wright's, Carrere said, "You're being compared to the best of the best."

The Lykes Foundation also awarded Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay, Inc. Vice President, Partnership Development & Recruitment De'Anna Sheffield a grant to help cover the cost of her participation in this year's Leadership Tampa class.

LTA's Philanthropy In Action initiative awarded a \$10,000 grant to America's Second Harvest, to be used to initiate a self-sustaining food purchase program. The Drug Abuse Comprehensive Coordinating Office, Inc. (DACCO) received a \$1,500 grant and Everyday Blessings foster and adoption agency received \$1,000.

Established in 2002, the Parke Wright III Award is presented annually to a member of Leadership Tampa Alumni who has demonstrated exceptional leadership and made a significant difference in the Tampa Bay community. The recipient must have demonstrated leadership in community service, exemplifying vision, courage, example, initiative, motivation, selflessness, commitment, dependability and accomplishment. Previous recipients include Paul Catoe, Rhea Law, Dottie Berger MacKinnon, Major Elaine White and Greg Yadley.

About Leadership Tampa Alumni

With more than 650 members that have graduated from Leadership Tampa since its founding by the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce in 1971, Leadership Tampa Alumni (www.ltalumni.org) provides ongoing opportunities for its members to remain actively involved in civic, business and professional activities that benefit the greater Tampa community. Members represent nearly every facet of local business and community life, including large corporations, small businesses, professional associations, government and social agencies.

