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Shonn Greene Named 2008 Doak Walker Award Recipient

ORLANDO, FL – The Guaranty Bank SMU Athletic Forum announced Shonn Greene from the University of Iowa as the recipient of the 2008 Doak Walker Award on Thursday, December 11, 2008, at *The Home Depot ESPNU College Football Awards*.

Greene, a junior from Sicklerville, NJ, ranks second nationally with 1,729 rushing yards. The Hawkeye single-season rushing leader has rushed for over 100 yards in all twelve of Iowa's games this season, and has rushed for 17 touchdowns. Greene and the Hawkeyes will face South Carolina in the Outback Bowl on January 1.

“Shonn has been consistently dominant throughout the season and his performances in big games have been the key to Iowa's success,” said CBS' Verne Lundquist, a member of the Doak Walker Award National Selection Committee and presenter of the 2008 Award.

Greene will receive the award at the Doak Walker Award Presentation Banquet on Friday, February 6, 2009, in Dallas. Also honored that evening will be Calvin Hill, former Yale and Dallas Cowboy great, recipient of the 2008 PricewaterhouseCoopers Doak Walker Legends Award.

The Award is named after three-time SMU All-American running back and 1948 Heisman Trophy winner Doak Walker. Walker, who also punted, returned kicks and kicked extra points, led the Mustangs to two Southwest Conference Championships. He was drafted by the Detroit Lions and led the league in scoring his rookie year. During his six years with the Lions, he led the team to two NFL championships and was chosen All-Pro four times. Walker is a member of both the College and Pro Football Halls of Fame.

The recipient of the Doak Walker Award is chosen by a 162-member National Selection Committee comprised of members of the media and former players. Ballots for the Doak Walker Award are tabulated by the independent accounting firm of Burgess Company.

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