



## MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT

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### 2010 Doak Walker Award Candidates Announced

**DALLAS, TEXAS** - The PricewaterhouseCoopers SMU Athletic Forum announced today the candidates for the 2010 Doak Walker Award. The award is presented annually to the nation's top college running back.

The field of candidates is highlighted by the nation's leading returning rusher, Dion Lewis from Pitt; 2009 Doak Walker Award finalist and Heisman Trophy recipient, Mark Ingram from the University of Alabama; and Ryan Williams from Virginia Tech who ranked third nationally and led the ACC in rushing last season.

Nominations for the award will be accepted through October. The complete list of candidates, who were nominated by their universities, follows:

Anthony Allen (Sr.), Georgia Tech  
Armando Allen (Sr.), Notre Dame  
Victor Anderson (Jr.), Louisville  
Jeremy Avery (Sr.), Boise State  
Baron Batch (Sr.), Texas Tech  
Donald Buckram (Sr.), UTEP  
John Clay (Jr.), Wisconsin  
Lennon Creer (Jr.), Louisiana Tech  
Jeff Demps (Jr.), Florida  
Noel Devine (Sr.), West Virginia  
Lance Dunbar (Jr.), UNT  
Darren Evans (Jr.), Virginia Tech  
Mario Fannin (Sr.), Auburn  
Jay Finley (Sr.), Baylor  
Frank Goodin (Sr.), Louisiana Monroe  
Cyrus Gray (Jr.), Texas A&M  
Montel Harris (Jr.), Boston College  
Dan Herron (Jr.), Ohio State  
Kendall Hunter (Sr.), Oklahoma State  
Mark Ingram (Jr.), Alabama  
Eugene Jarvis (Sr.), Kent State  
Dennis Johnson (Jr.), Arkansas  
Mikel Leshoure (Jr.), Illinois  
Dion Lewis (So.), Pittsburgh  
MiQuale Lewis (Sr.), Ball State

Derrick Locke (Sr.), Kentucky  
Christine Michael (So.), Texas A&M  
Alfred Morris (Jr.), Florida Atlantic  
Richard Murphy (Sr.), LSU  
Vince Murray (Sr.), Navy  
DeMarco Murray (Sr.), Oklahoma  
Bernard Pierce (So.), Temple  
Bilal Powell (Sr.), Louisville  
Alexander Robinson (Sr.), Iowa State  
Jacquizz Rodgers (Jr.), Oregon State  
Evan Royster (Sr.), Penn State  
Brandon Saine (Sr.), Ohio State  
Da'Rel Scott (Sr.), Maryland  
Chad Spann (Sr.), Northern Illinois  
Rodney Stewart (Jr.), Colorado  
Phillip Tanner (Sr.), Middle Tennessee  
Vai Taua (Sr.), Nevada  
Daniel Thomas (Sr.), Kansas State  
Jordan Todman (Jr.), Connecticut  
Matthew Tucker (So.), TCU  
Derrick Washington (Sr.), Missouri  
Ed Wesley (So.), TCU  
Eddie Wide (Sr.), Utah  
Ryan Williams (So.), Virginia Tech

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The PricewaterhouseCoopers SMU Athletic Forum Board of Directors will select the semifinalists on November 10, and the Doak Walker Award National Selection Committee will cast votes to determine the finalists, who will be announced on November 22. The Committee will cast a second vote beginning on November 29 to determine the recipient. The National Selection Committee consists of former NFL All-Pro and college All-America running backs, media members and selected special representatives.

The recipient of the 2010 Doak Walker Award will be announced live on ESPN on *The Home Depot ESPNU College Football Awards* on Thursday, December 9. The Doak Walker Award Presentation Banquet will be held at the Hilton Anatole Hotel in Dallas, Texas, in February 2011.

The award, in its 21<sup>th</sup> year, is named for SMU's three-time All-America running back Doak Walker. It is the only major collegiate award that requires all candidates to be in good academic standing and on schedule to graduate within one year of other students of the same classification.

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