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BOISE STATE'S JEANTY WINS 2024 DOAK WALKER AWARD

Four-time national running back of the week has led Broncos to Mountain West title, berth in College Football Playoff

DALLAS (SMU) – The **PwC SMU Athletic Forum** is proud to announce Boise State junior running back **Ashton Jeanty** as the winner of the 2024 Doak Walker Award. The announcement came during *The Home Depot College Football Awards* on ESPN.

The formal presentation of the award will take place in Dallas at the annual banquet scheduled for Jan. 31, 2025. The PwC Doak Walker Legends Award will also be presented at the event.

Jeanty, Boise State's first Doak Walker Award winner, has rewritten his school and conference record books this season and is on the cusp of college football history. The Mountain West Offensive Most Valuable Player has 2,497 rushing yards, the fourth-highest single-season total in FBS history and within reach of Barry Sanders' 1988 record mark of 2,628 single-season yards with at least one more game to play. Four times this season, Jeanty was chosen the the Doak Walker National Running Back of the Week.

His 344 carries leads the nation and have outpaced the totals of 115 FBS teams and has led the Broncos into the College Football Playoff for the first time. No. 3 seed Boise State will host winner between Penn State and SMU in the quarterfinals at the Vrbo Fiesta Bowl on Dec. 31.

Jeanty, a 5-9 junior from Jacksonville, Fla., who played in high school nearby at Lone Star High School in Frisco, Texas, was selected from two other outstanding finalists, Omarion Hampton of North Carolina and Kaleb Johnson of Iowa. Playing a 13th game – Boise State beat UNLV 21-7 last weekend in the MW Championship Game with Jeanty rushing for 205 yards – and with five games of 200-plus rush yards has pushed Jeanty 837 yards ahead of second-place Hampton on the NCAA's rushing yards list and almost 960 yards ahead of Johnson.

Riding in large part on Jeanty's rushing success and that of Boise State's offensive line, the Broncos are in the top five nationally of multiple offensive categories. Jeanty has scored 29 rushing touchdowns – equaling or besting the total of 118 FBS teams – and his 7.3 yards per carry leads the FBS among players with 160-plus rushing attempts. He also leads the nation in all-purpose yards (2,613), total touchdowns (30) and points (180). His Pro Football Focus rushing grade is 97.5, the highest single-season mark during the College Football Playoff era (since 2014).

The dynamic back is known for signature breakaway touchdowns and much as his yardage has come in bunches. Lots of them. Jeanty has 12 rushes of 50-plus yards and 10 of 60-plus yards. Of his 364 touches, 121 have gained first downs. Per Boise State statistics, Jeanty has gained 1,889 yards after contact – more than any other FBS player's season total – to log an FBS single-season record. He has five rushing touchdowns of 70-plus yards, tying 2000 Doak Walker Award winner LaDainian Tomlinson of TCU (from 1999) for the most in FBS single-season history since 1996. Jeanty is the first player since at least 1996 to eclipse 125 rushing yards in 13 straight games.

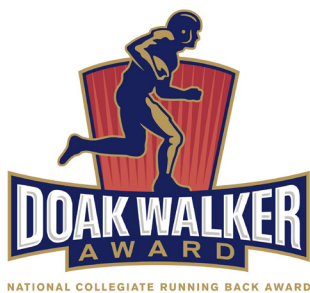
Boise State won back-to-back MW championships for the first time and has an 11-game win streak as it enters the postseason as the CFP's No. 3 seed in Spencer Danielson's first full season as head coach. Danielson was named a finalist for the Football Writers Association's Eddie Robinson Award earlier this week.

Jeanty join's BYU's Luke Staley (2001) as just the second Mountain West player to win this award. He is also a finalist for the Heisman Trophy, which will announce its winner Saturday.

The **Doak Walker Award** presented by the PwC SMU Athletic Forum has been awarded to the nation's top running back since 1990.

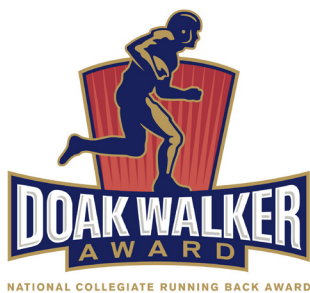
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DOAK WALKER AWARD WINNERS AND FINALISTS

Year	Winner	Finalists
2024	Ashton Jeanty, Boise State	Omarion Hampton, North Carolina; Kaleb Johnson, Iowa
2023	Ollie Gordon II, Oklahoma State	Omarion Hampton, North Carolina; Cody Schrader, Missouri
2022	Bijan Robinson, Texas	Chase Brown, Illinois; Blake Corum, Michigan
2021	Kenneth Walker III, Michigan State	Tyler Badie, Missouri; Breece Hall, Iowa State
2020	Najee Harris, Alabama	Travis Etienne, Clemson; Breece Hall, Iowa State
2019	Jonathan Taylor, Wisconsin	J.K. Dobbins, Ohio State; Chuba Hubbard, Oklahoma State
2018	Jonathan Taylor, Wisconsin	Travis Etienne, Clemson; Darrell Henderson, Memphis
2017	Bryce Love, Stanford	Saquon Barkley, Penn State; Jonathan Taylor, Wisconsin
2016	D’Onta Foreman, Texas	Dalvin Cook, Florida State; Donnel Pumphrey, San Diego State
2015	Derrick Henry, Alabama	Leonard Fournette, LSU; Christian McCaffrey, Stanford
2014	Melvin Gordon, Wisconsin	Ameer Abdullah, Nebraska; Tevin Coleman, Indiana
2013	Andre Williams, Boston College	Ka’Deem Carey, Arizona; Bishop Sankey, Washington
2012	Montee Ball, Wisconsin	Kenjon Barner, Oregon; Johnathan Franklin, UCLA
2011	Trent Richardson, Alabama	Montee Ball, Wisconsin; LaMichael James, Oregon
2010	LaMichael James, Oregon	John Clay, Wisconsin; Kendall Hunter, Oklahoma State
2009	Toby Gerhart, Stanford	Mark Ingram, Alabama; C.J. Spiller, Clemson
2008	Shonn Greene, Iowa	Knowshon Moreno, Georgia; Javon Ringer, Michigan State
2007	Darren McFadden, Arkansas	Mike Hart, Michigan; Ray Rice, Rutgers
2006	Darren McFadden, Arkansas	Mike Hart, Michigan; Steve Slaton, West Virginia
2005	Reggie Bush, USC	Jerome Harrison, Washington State; DeAngelo Williams, Memphis
2004	Cedric Benson, Texas	J.J. Arrington, California; Adrian Peterson, Oklahoma
2003	Chris Perry, Michigan	Kevin Jones, Virginia Tech; Darren Sproles, Kansas State
2002	Larry Johnson, Penn State	Chris Brown, Colorado; Willis McGahee, Miami
2001	Luke Staley, BYU	Bruce Perry, Maryland; Travis Stephens, Tennessee
2000	LaDainian Tomlinson, TCU	Damien Anderson, Northwestern; Anthony Thomas, Michigan
1999	Ron Dayne, Wisconsin	Thomas Jones, Virginia; Shaun Alexander, Alabama
1998	Ricky Williams, Texas	Mike Cloud, Boston College; Ron Dayne, Wisconsin
1997	Ricky Williams, Texas	Curtis Enis, Penn State; Ahman Green, Nebraska
1996	Byron Hanspard, Texas Tech	Darnell Autry, Northwestern; Troy Davis, Iowa State
1995	Eddie George, Ohio State	Karim Abdul-Jabbar, UCLA; Tiki Barber, Virginia; Tim Biakabataka, Michigan; Warrick Dunn, Florida State; George Jones, San Diego State; Wasean Tait, Toledo; Moe Williams, Kentucky
1994	Rashaan Salaam, Colorado	Ki-Jana Carter, Penn State; Ryan Chistopherson, Wyoming; Chris Darkins, Minnesota; Eddie George, Ohio State; Napoleon Kaufman, Washington; Tyrone Wheatley, Michigan; Sherman Williams, Alabama
1993	Byron “Bam” Morris, Texas Tech	Lee Becton, Notre Dame; Marshall Faulk, San Diego State; LaShon Johnson, NIU; Calvin Jones, Nebraska; Napoleon Kaufman, Washington; Brent Moss, Wisconsin; Errict Rhett, Florida
1992	Garrison Hearst, Georgia	Reggie Brooks, Notre Dame; Trevor Cobb, Rice
1991	Trevor Cobb, Rice	Vaughn Dunbar, Indiana; Tommy Vardell, Stanford
1990	Greg Lewis, Washington	Nick Bell, Iowa; Sheldon Canley, San Jose State; Tico Duckett, Michigan State; Mike Mayweather, Army; Glyn Milburn, Stanford; Tony Thompson, Tennessee; Jon Vaughn, Michigan



2024 DOAK WALKER NATIONAL RUNNING BACKS OF THE WEEK

- Week 1 (Aug. 31) Ashton Jeanty, Boise State
- Week 2 (Sept. 7) Cam Skattebo, Arizona State
- Week 3 (Sept. 14) RJ Harvey, UCF
- Week 4 (Sept. 21) Kaleb Johnson, Iowa
- Week 5 (Sept. 28) Ashton Jeanty, Boise State
- Week 6 (Oct. 5) Ashton Jeanty, Boise State
- Week 7 (Oct. 12) Cam Skattebo, Arizona State
- Week 8 (Oct. 19) Bhayshul Tuten, Virginia Tech
- Week 9 (Oct. 26) Jarquez Hunter, Auburn
- Week 10 (Nov. 2) Cam Skattebo, Arizona State
- Week 11 (Nov. 9) Ashton Jeanty, Boise State

2024 DOAK WALKER AWARD PRESEASON CANDIDATES LIST

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| Kaytron Allen, Penn State | DJ Giddens, Kansas State | Jaquez Moore, Duke |
| LeQuint Allen, Syracuse | Ollie Gordon II, Oklahoma State | Devin Neal, Kansas |
| Mario Anderson, Memphis | Rodney Hammond Jr., Pitt | Nate Noel, Missouri |
| Kevorian Barnes, UTSA | Omarion Hampton, North Carolina | Cam Porter , Northwestern |
| CJ Baxter, Texas | T.J. Harden, UCLA | Jadarian Price, Notre Dame |
| Lee Beebe Jr., UAB | Rahjai Harris, East Carolina | Kanye Roberts, App State |
| Ulysses Bentley IV, Ole Miss | RJ Harvey, UCF | Kye Robichaux, Boston College |
| Jaydon Blue, Texas | Justice Haynes, Alabama | Abu Sama III, Iowa State |
| Tahj Brooks, Texas Tech | Jamal Haynes, Georgia Tech | Dylan Sampson, Tennessee |
| Antario Brown, NIU | Roman Hemby, Maryland | Raheim Sanders, South Carolina |
| Jalen Buckley, Western Michigan | TreVeyon Henderson, Ohio State | Gavin Sawchuk, Oklahoma |
| Ryan Butler, Stanford | Daniel Hishaw Jr., Kansas | Malik Sherrod, Fresno State |
| CJ Campbell Jr., Florida Atlantic | Jarquez Hunter, Auburn | Nicholas Singleton, Penn State |
| Marcus Carroll, Missouri | Jordan James, Oregon | Cam Skattebo, Arizona State |
| Nathan Carter, Michigan State | Ashton Jeanty, Boise State | Terion Stewart, Bowling Green |
| Donald Chaney, Louisville | Montrell Johnson Jr., Florida | Darius Taylor, Minnesota |
| Demond Claiborne, Wake Forest | Quinshon Judkins, Ohio State | Alex Tecza, Navy |
| Dean Connors, Rice | Jaylan Knighton , SMU | Jai'Den Thomas, UNLV |
| Quinton Cooley, Liberty | Jeremiyah Love, Notre Dame | DeaMonte Trayanum, Kentucky |
| Marquez Cooper, San Diego State | Marion Lukes, Central Michigan | Bhayshul Tuten, Virginia Tech |
| Marquis Crosby, Louisiana Tech | Phil Mafah, Clemson | Kayne Udoh, Army |
| Jacory Croskey-Merritt, Arizona | Woody Marks, USC | Dre'Iyn Washington, Louisiana |
| Ja'Quez Cross, Arkansas State | LJ Martin, BYU | Jordan Waters , NC State |
| Sean Dollars, Nevada | Damien Martinez, Miami | Harrison Waylee, Wyoming |
| CJ Donaldson Jr., West Virginia | Josh McCray, Illinois | Jahiem White, West Virginia |
| Donovan Edwards, Michigan | Chez Mellusi , Wisconsin | Noah Whittington, Oregon |
| Trevor Etienne, Georgia | Jam Miller, Alabama | Leshon Williams, Iowa |
| Rahsul Faison, Utah State | Devin Mockobee, Purdue | Nay'Quan Wright , South Florida |
| Kaden Feagin, Illinois | Kyle Monangai, Rutgers | Elijah Young, WKU |



2024 DOAK WALKER AWARD SEMIFINALISTS

Tahj Brooks, Texas Tech

DJ Giddens, Kansas State

Omarion Hampton, North Carolina

RJ Harvey, UCF

Makhi Hughes, Tulane

Ashton Jeanty, Boise State

Kaleb Johnson, Iowa

Dylan Sampson, Tennessee

Cam Skattebo, Arizona State

Brashard Smith, SMU

2024 DOAK WALKER AWARD FINALISTS

Omarion Hampton, North Carolina

Ashton Jeanty, Boise State

Kaleb Johnson, Iowa