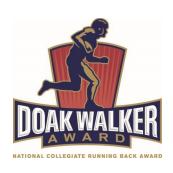


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## 2013 Doak Walker Award Candidates Announced

**DALLAS, TEXAS** - The PwC SMU Athletic Forum announced today the preseason candidates for the 2013 Doak Walker Award. The award is presented annually to the nation's top college running back.

The field of candidates is highlighted by University of Arizona running back Ka'Deem Carey. Carey, a junior from Tucson, Arizona, led the nation with 1,929 rushing yards last season. Other nominees include 2012 Doak Walker Award semifinalists David Fluellen (Toledo) and Venric Mark (Northwestern).

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

Ameer Abdullah (Jr.), Nebraska Michael Alisa (Sr.), BYU Antonio Andrews (Sr.), Western Kentucky Dri Archer (Sr.), Kent State Brendan Bigelow (Jr.), California Beau Blankenship (Sr.), Ohio Alfred Blue (Sr.), LSU Dominique Brown (Jr.), Louisville Ka'Deem Carey (Jr.), Arizona B.J. Catalon (So.), TCU Orleans Darkwa (Sr.), Tulane Kenneth Dixon (So.), Louisiana Tech Trayion Durham (Jr.), Kent State Jahwan Edwards (Jr.), Ball State David Fluellen (Sr.), Toledo D.J. Foster (So.), Arizona State Melvin Gordon (So.), Wisconsin Marion Grice (Sr.), Arizona State Todd Gurley (So.), Georgia Joe Hill (Jr.), Utah State John Hubert (Sr.), Kansas State Carlos Hyde (Sr.), Ohio State Waymon James (Sr.), TCU Duke Johnson (So.), Miami Storm Johnson (Jr.), UCF Matt Jones (So.), Florida Henry Josey (Jr.), Missouri Ben Malena (Sr.), Texas A&M Raymond Maples (Sr.), Army Venric Mark (Sr.), Northwestern

Keith Marshall (So.), Georgia

Glasco Martin (Sr.), Baylor

Lyle McCombs (Jr.), Connecticut Adam Muema (Jr.), San Diego State David Oku (Sr.), Arkansas State Branden Oliver (Sr.), Buffalo Jordan Parker (So.), Middle Tennessee LaDarius Perkins (Sr.), Mississippi State Senorise Perry (Sr.), Louisville Christian Powell (So.), Colorado Darrin Reaves (Jr.), UAB Silas Redd (Sr.), USC Bishop Sankey (Jr.), Washington Lache Seastrunk (Jr.), Baylor David Sims (Sr.), Georgia Tech James Sims (Sr.), Kansas Kiero Small (Sr.), Arkansas Jeremy Smith (Sr.), Oklahoma State Jerome Smith (Jr.), Syracuse De'Anthony Thomas (Jr.), Oregon Zurlon Tipton (Sr.), Central Michigan Trey Watts (Sr.), Tulsa Mark Weisman (Jr.), Iowa James White (Sr.), Iowa State James White (Sr.), Wisconsin Andre Williams (Sr.), Boston College Damien Williams (Sr.), Oklahoma Jamaal Williams (So.), BYU Jonathan Williams (Sr.), Arkansas Storm Woods (So.), Oregon State T.J. Yeldon (So.), Alabama Zach Zwinak (Jr.), Penn State

Tre Mason (Jr.), Auburn

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The PwC SMU Athletic Forum Board of Directors will name the semifinalists on November 14, and the Doak Walker Award National Selection Committee will cast votes to determine the finalists, who will be announced on November 25. The committee will cast a second vote beginning on December 2 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 2013 Doak Walker Award will be announced live on *The Home Depot College Football Awards* on Thursday, December 12, on ESPN. The Doak Walker Award Presentation Banquet will be held in Dallas, Texas, in February 2013.

The award, in its 24<sup>nd</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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The Doak Walker Award is a member of the National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA) which encompasses the most prestigious awards in college football. The 21 awards boast 678 years of tradition-selection excellence. Visit www.NCFAA.org to learn more about our story.

The members of the NCFAA are unveiling their preseason watch lists over a 12-day period this month. Fifteen of the association's 21 awards select a preseason watch list and the NCFAA has spearheaded a coordinated effort to promote each award's preseason candidates. The Walter Camp Award will release the final NCFAA 2013 preseason watch list on July 19.

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