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## Andre Williams Named 2013 Doak Walker Award Recipient

**Orlando, Florida** – The PwC SMU Athletic Forum announced Andre Williams from Boston College as the recipient of the 2013 Doak Walker Award on Thursday, December 12, 2013, at *The Home Depot College Football Awards*.

Williams, a senior from Schnecksville, Pennsylvania, has rushed for 2,102 yards this season and leads the nation in total rushing yards and rushing yards per game. He currently ranks ninth on the all-time FBS single-season rushing list. Williams is the only FBS running back with over 2,000 yards rushing this season and only the 16th FBS back ever to eclipse the 2,000 yard mark. He has rushed for over 200 yards five times in 2013. His record-setting collegiate career will conclude when he and the Eagles face Arizona and fellow Doak Walker Award finalist Ka'Deem Carey in the AdvoCare V100 Bowl on December 31 in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Williams will receive the award at the Doak Walker Award Presentation Banquet on Thursday, February 13, 2014, in Dallas. The 2013 PwC Doak Walker Legends Award recipient, who will be announced later this month, will also be honored at banquet.

The Award is named after three-time SMU All-America 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 National Selection Committee comprised of members of the media and former players.

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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.