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### **Trent Richardson Named 2011 Doak Walker Award Recipient**

**Orlando, Dec. 8, 2011** – The PwC SMU Athletic Forum announced Trent Richardson from the University of Alabama as the recipient of the 2011 Doak Walker Award on Thursday, December 8, 2011, at *The Home Depot College Football Awards*.

Richardson, a junior from Pensacola, FL, has rushed for 1,583 yards and 20 touchdowns this season. In addition, he has accounted for 327 yards and three touchdowns as a receiver out of the backfield. Richardson's 1,910 yards from scrimmage ranks second nationally among running backs. In 2011, Richardson has averaged six yards per carry and amassed almost 50 percent of rushing yards after contact. He has nine 100-yard rushing games to his credit this year, and rushed for a season best 203 yards vs. Auburn in Alabama's final regular season game. Richardson and the Crimson Tide will face LSU in the BCS National Championship on January 9.

"I've had the privilege of televising a dozen Alabama games over the past three years, so I've seen Trent Richardson play a lot. He has excelled since his first game and has had an absolutely brilliant junior season. Trent is also a remarkable student and a most worthy winner of the 2011 Doak Walker Award," said CBS' Verne Lundquist, a member of the Doak Walker Award National Selection Committee and presenter of the 2011 Award.

Richardson will receive the award at the Doak Walker Award Presentation Banquet on Friday, February 17, 2012, in Dallas. University of Oklahoma and Philadelphia Eagle great Tommy McDonald also will be honored that evening as the 2011 PwC Doak Walker Legends Award.



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 175-member National Selection Committee comprised of members of the media and former players.

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