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2021 Doak Walker Award Candidates Announced

DALLAS - The PwC SMU Athletic Forum released today the preseason candidates for the 2021 Doak Walker Award. The Forum annually presents the award to the nation's top college running back.

The list features 2020 Doak Walker Award finalist Breece Hall from Iowa State. Last season as a sophomore, Hall led the nation in total rushing yards with 1,572 and was a first-team All-America selection. 2020 Doak Walker Award semifinalists Mohammed Ibrahim (Minnesota), Sincere McCormick (UTSA), Isaiah Spiller (Texas A&M) and Kyren Williams (Notre Dame) are all among the list of preseason candidates.

University athletic departments nominate candidates for the award and can continue to do so through October. The complete list of candidates is below.

Tyler Allgeier (So.), BYU
Christian Beal-Smith (Jr.), Wake Forest
Ulysses Bentley, IV (So.), SMU
Jalen Berger (Fr.), Wisconsin
Tank Bigsby (So.), Auburn
Darius Boone (Fr.), Eastern Michigan
Max Borghi (Sr.), Washington State
Kennedy Brooks (Jr.), Oklahoma
Shamari Brooks (Sr.), Tulsa
Jarek Broussard (So.), Colorado
Chase Brown (So.), Illinois
LD Brown (Sr.), Oklahoma State
Leddie Brown (Sr.), West Virginia
Noah Cain (Jr.), Penn State
Mulbah Car (Sr.), Houston
Stephen Carr (Sr.), Indiana
Cameron Carroll (So.), Tulane
Ty Chandler (Sr.), North Carolina
Destin Coates (Jr.), Georgia State
James Cook (Sr.), Georgia
Jashaun Corbin (So.), Florida State
ReMahn Davis (Jr.), Vanderbilt
Lyn-J Dixon (Sr.), Clemson
Mataeo Durant (Sr.), Duke
Jerrion Ealy (Jr.), Ole Miss
Zach Evans (So.), TCU
Tayon Fleet-Davis (Sr.), Maryland
Alex Fontenot (Jr.), Colorado
Jahmyr Gibbs (Fr.), Georgia Tech
Tyler Goodson (Jr.), Iowa

Frank Gore, Jr. (So.), Southern Miss
Eric Gray (Jr.), Oklahoma
Breece Hall (Jr.), Iowa State
Kevin Harris (Jr.), South Carolina
Rahjai Harris (So.), East Carolina
George Holani (So.), Boise State
Mohamed Ibrahim (Sr.), Minnesota
Keaontay Ingram (Sr.), USC
Dillon Johnson (So.), Mississippi State
Austin Jones (Jr.), Stanford
JD King (Sr.), Georgia Southern
Zonovan Knight (Jr.), NC State
Bryant Koback (Jr.), Toledo
Keyvone Lee (So.), Penn State
Kobe Lewis (Jr.), Central Michigan
John Lovett (Sr.), Penn State
Vavae Malepeai (Sr.), USC
Joquavious Marks (So.), Mississippi State
Kevin Marks (Sr.), Buffalo
Jordan Mason (Jr.), Georgia Tech
DeWayne McBride (So.), UAB
Sincere McCormick (Jr.), UTSA
Sean McGew (Sr.), Washington
Jalen Mitchell (Fr.), Louisville
Marcel Murray (Jr.), Arkansas State
Lew Nichols (Fr.), Central Michigan
Cameron Peoples (Jr.), Appalachian State
Cam Porter (So.), Northwestern

D'Vonte Price (Sr.), FIU
Deneric Prince (Jr.), Tulsa
Ronnie Rivers (Sr.), Fresno State
Bijan Robinson (So.), Texas
Brian Robinson, Jr. (Sr.), Alabama
Chris Rodriguez, Jr. (Jr.), Kentucky
Jabari Small (So.), Tennessee
Chris Smith (So.), Louisiana
Trelon Smith (Jr.), Arkansas
Isaiah Spiller (Jr.), Texas A&M
Brock Sturges (Jr.), Texas State
SaRodorick Thompson (Jr.), Texas Tech
Lawrance Toafili (Fr.), Florida State
DeaMonte Trayanum (Fr.), Arizona State
Sean Tucker (So.), Syracuse
Calvin Turner, Jr. (Sr.), Hawaii
Xazavian Valladay (Jr.), Wyoming
Deuce Vaughn (So.), Kansas State
Kimani Vidal (Fr.), Troy
Kenneth Walker, III (Jr.), Michigan State
Harrison Waylee (Fr.), Northern Illinois
Rachaad White (Jr.), Arizona State
Zamir White (Jr.), Georgia
Michael Wiley (Jr.), Arizona
Kyren Williams (So.), Notre Dame
Logan Wright (Sr.), Georgia Southern

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The PwC SMU Athletic Forum Board of Directors will name ten semifinalists in November, and three finalists, as voted on by the Doak Walker Award National Selection Committee, will be announced in November. The committee will cast a second vote in December to determine the recipient. The National Selection Committee consists of past recipients, former NFL All-Pro and college All-America running backs, media members and selected special representatives.

The recipient of the 2020 Doak Walker Award will be announced live on *The Home Depot College Football Awards*.

The award 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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Honoring the legends of sports for 32 years, the PwC SMU Athletic Forum celebrates outstanding success in athletics. Based in Dallas, the series features major figures from a variety of sports. The PwC SMU Athletic Forum includes four luncheons and the prestigious Doak Walker Award Presentation Banquet.

The Doak Walker Award is a member of the National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA), which encompasses the most prestigious awards in college football. Founded in 1997, the NCFAA and its 25 awards now boast over 800 recipients, dating to 1935. Visit ncfaa.org and @NCFAA on Twitter to learn more about the association.

The members of the NCFAA are unveiling their preseason watch lists over a 12-day period this month. Fourteen of the association's 25 awards select a preseason watch list and the NCFAA has spearheaded a coordinated effort to promote each award's preseason candidates.

Following is the complete 2021 preseason watch list calendar:

Monday July 19: Bednarik Award, Maxwell Award

Tuesday July 20: Davey O'Brien Award

Wednesday July 21: Doak Walker Award

Thursday July 22: Biletnikoff Award

Friday July 23: John Mackey Award, Rimington Trophy

Monday July 26: Butkus Award & Paycom Jim Thorpe Award

Tuesday July 27: Bronko Nagurski Trophy & Outland Trophy

Wednesday July 28: Lou Groza Award & Ray Guy Award

Thursday July 29: Paul Hornung Award & Wuerffel Trophy

Friday July 30: Walter Camp Award

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