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MARSHALL FAULK NAMED RECIPIENT OF 2025 PWC DOAK WALKER LEGENDS AWARD

DALLAS (SMU) – The **PwC SMU Athletic Forum** has selected former San Diego State University, Indianapolis Colts and St. Louis Rams running back **Marshall Faulk** as the recipient of the **2025 PwC Doak Walker Legends Award**. The award was created in 1998 to honor former running backs that excelled at the collegiate level and went on to distinguish themselves as leaders in their communities.

Faulk will be honored at the Doak Walker Award Presentation Banquet on Friday, January 30, 2026 on the SMU campus in Dallas. Notre Dame running back, Jeremiah Love, the 2025 Doak Walker Award recipient, will also be honored at the banquet. Faulk joins an impressive list of past recipients: Chris Gilbert (2024), Emmitt Smith (2023), Donny Anderson (2022), Abner Haynes (2021), Leroy Keyes (2020), Rocky Bleier (2019), Johnny Robinson (2018), Johnny Majors (2017), Herschel Walker (2016), Barry Sanders (2015), Bo Jackson (2014), Floyd Little (2013), Jim Brown (2012), Tommy McDonald (2011), Jim Taylor (2010), Eric Dickerson and Craig James (2009), Calvin Hill (2008), Marcus Allen (2007), Walter Payton (2006), Jim Swink (2005), John David Crow (2004), Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis (2003), Earl Campbell (2002), Tony Dorsett (2001), Pete Dawkins (2000), Archie Griffin (1999) and Gale Sayers (1998).

A transformative force in professional football, Marshall Faulk stands among the most versatile and accomplished players in NFL history. His résumé includes an NFL Most Valuable Player award, a Super Bowl XXXIV championship, and induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2011.

The second overall pick in the 1994 NFL Draft, Marshall Faulk quickly became one of the most dynamic offensive weapons of his era, starring for 12 seasons with the Indianapolis Colts and St. Louis Rams. A seven-time Pro Bowl selection, Faulk redefined the running back position with his rare ability to excel as both a runner and receiver, becoming the only player in NFL history to record at least 12,000 rushing yards and 6,000 receiving yards. He reached the pinnacle of his career in 2000, when he was named NFL Most Valuable Player, and played a central role in leading the Rams to a victory in Super Bowl XXXIV while helping guide the franchise to two Super Bowl appearances overall.

Doak Walker epitomized leadership, sportsmanship and academic and athletic achievement during his outstanding career at SMU. Walker was a three-time All-America choice who won the Heisman Trophy as a junior in 1948, was a first round draft pick of the Detroit Lions, led the team to NFL championships in 1952 and '53 and was chosen All-Pro four times. Walker is a member of both the College and Pro Football Halls of Fame.