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## 2022 Doak Walker Award Candidates Announced

**DALLAS** - The PwC SMU Athletic Forum released today the preseason candidates for the 2022 Doak Walker Award. The Forum annually presents the award to the nation's top college running back.

The list features Lew Nichols III from Central Michigan who led the nation in rushing last season. Highlighting the list are 2021 Doak Walker Award semifinalists TreVeyon Henderson of Ohio State, Bijan Robinson of Texas, Sean Tucker of Syracuse and Deuce Vaughn of Kansas State. 2020 semifinalist Mohamed Ibrahim is also featured 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.

Devon Achane (Jr.), Texas A&M  
Braelon Allen (So.), Wisconsin  
Rasheen Ali (So.), Marshall  
Ronald Awaft (Sr.), UTEP  
Tank Bigsby (Jr.), Auburn  
Isiah Bowser (Sr.), UCF  
British Brooks (Sr.), North Carolina  
Jarek Broussard (Sr.), Michigan State  
Antario Brown (So.), Northern Illinois  
Chase Brown (Jr.), Illinois  
Jermaine Brown (Jr.), UAB  
Nate Carter (So.), UCONN  
Zach Charbonnet (Sr.), UCLA  
Blake Corum (Jr.), Michigan  
Travis Dye (Sr.), USC  
Justice Ellison (So.), Wake Forest  
Samson Evans (Jr.), Eastern Michigan  
Deshaun Fenwick (Jr.), Oregon State  
Alex Fontenot (Sr.), Colorado  
Pat Garwo (Jr.), Boston College  
Frank Gore, Jr. (So.), Southern Miss  
Eric Gray (Sr.), Oklahoma  
Gerald Green (Jr.), Georgia Southern  
Tucker Gregg (Sr.), Georgia State  
Hassan Hall (Sr.), Georgia Tech

Deion Hankins (So.), UTEP  
TreVeyon Henderson (So.), Ohio State  
George Holani (Jr.), Boise State  
Evan Hull (Sr.), Northwestern  
Mohamed Ibrahim (Sr.), Minnesota  
Dillon Johnson (Jr.), Mississippi State  
Roschon Johnson (Sr.), Texas  
Austin Jones (Sr.), USC  
Johnnie Lang, Jr. (Sr.), Arkansas State  
Keyvone Lee (So.), Penn State  
Joquavious Marks (Jr.), Mississippi State  
DeWayne McBride (Jr.), UAB  
Chez Mellusi (Sr.), Wisconsin  
Kendre Miller (Jr.), TCU  
Jordan Mims (Sr.), Fresno State  
Keaton Mitchell (So.), East Carolina  
Damien Moore (Jr.), Cal  
Devin Neal (So.), Kansas  
Lew Nichols, III (So.), Central Michigan  
Nate Noel (So.), App State  
Nathaniel Peat (Sr.), Missouri  
Camerun Peoples (Jr.), App State  
Dominic Richardson (Jr.), Oklahoma State  
Johnny Richardson (Jr.), UCF

Bijan Robinson (Jr.), Texas  
Raheim Sanders (So.), Arkansas  
Will Shipley (So.), Clemson  
Shaun Shivers (Sr.), Indiana  
Jabari Small (Jr.), Tennessee  
Chris Smith (Jr.), Louisiana  
Dontae Smith (Jr.), Georgia Tech  
E.J. Smith (Jr.), Stanford  
Tyjae Spears (So.), Tulane  
Titus Swen (Jr.), Wyoming  
Tavion Thomas (Jr.), Utah  
Sean Tucker (So.), Syracuse  
Calvin Tyler, Jr. (Sr.), Utah State  
Sean Tyler (Jr.), Western Michigan  
Chris Tyree (Jr.), Notre Dame  
Xazavian Valladay (Sr.), Arizona State  
Deuce Vaughn (Jr.), Kansas State  
Kimani Vidal (So.), Troy  
Blake Watson (Jr.), Old Dominion  
Treshaun Ward (So.), Florida State  
Harrison Waylee (So.), Northern Illinois  
Jalen White (Jr.), Georgia Southern  
Jamyest Williams (Sr.), Georgia State  
Nay'Quan Wright (Jr.), Florida

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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 2022 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 33 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](http://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 2022 preseason watch list calendar:*

*Monday July 18: Maxwell Award  
Tuesday July 19: Davey O'Brien Award  
Wednesday July 20: Doak Walker Award  
Thursday July 21: Biletnikoff Award  
Friday July 22: John Mackey Award, Rimington Trophy  
Monday July 25: Butkus Award & Paycom Jim Thorpe Award  
Tuesday July 26: Bronko Nagurski Trophy & Outland Trophy  
Wednesday July 27: Lou Groza Award & Ray Guy Award  
Thursday July 28: Paul Hornung Award & Wuerffel Trophy  
Friday July 29: Walter Camp Award  
Monday August 1: Bednarik Award*

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