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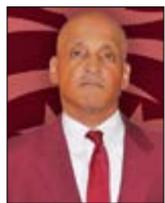
SWAC WOMAN OF THE YEAR: Alabama State student/athlete Candace Martin excelled on and off the volleyball court.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

MOREHOUSE NAMES INTERIM AD:

ATLANTA, Ga. - **Morehouse College** has appointed **Javarro Edwards** as interim athletics director. He began on July 1, 2019 and will serve during the upcoming academic year while the college conducts a nationwide search for a successor to **Andre Pattillo**. Pattillo recently retired after almost 40 years at the institution.



Edwards

A native of Chicago, Edwards is a former two sport student-athlete who helped the Maroon Tiger football team win a share of the SIAC Championship in 1991.

He also helped lead an effort to reestablish the Morehouse baseball team in 1991 after its absence for more than 20 years. Edwards earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Marketing from Morehouse in 1992.

Following his entrepreneurial aspirations, Edwards founded the JME Group, LLC, a successful Atlanta-based business specializing in specialty retail, food and beverage concessions in the aviation space. In its twelfth year, JME currently has concessions operations in multiple airports around the country. These airports include JFK in New York, Denver, Newark, Los Angeles and Kauai.

He is an active member of the College's National Alumni Association and currently serves as the President of the Metro Atlanta Alumni Chapter.

Edwards has served as an official corporate sponsor during major college gatherings, and has been recognized by the College, the national association and the local chapter for his dedicated service. These honors include 2016-17 Region 1 Alumnus of the Year and Top Donor for the Class of 1992 25th anniversary reunion. Edwards was recently inducted into the Henry Morehouse Society for his charitable commitment to the College.

SMITH GETS FOUR-GAME SUSPENSION:

Former **North Carolina Central University** standout and current Tampa Bay Buccaneers cornerback **Ryan Smith** has been suspended for the first four games of the 2019 regular season for violating the NFL's policy on performance-enhancing substances, the team announced through a statement.

The 25-year-old will be eligible to participate in all offseason and preseason practices and games. Smith will be allowed to return September 30, which is after the team's Week 4 game against the Rams.

Last season, Smith recorded 31 solo tackles, one forced fumble and one interception for the Bucs. He has been with Tampa Bay since he was selected by the team at No. 108 overall in the 2016 NFL draft.

Originally a fourth-round pick out of NCCU in 2016, Smith has been a key defensive back for the Bucs the past couple of seasons. He appeared in 31 games from 2017-18, starting 16, while tallying 100 tackles and one interception.

KYLE O'QUINN JOINS 76ers:

Philadelphia 76ers General Manager Elton Brand announced the team has signed former **Norfolk State** and **MEAC star Kyle O'Quinn**. Per team policy, terms of the deal were not disclosed. However, according to Spotrac, O'Quinn signed a one year contract worth \$2,028,594.

O'Quinn appeared in 45 games for Indiana last season, averaging 3.5 points, 2.6 rebounds and 1.2 assists in 8.2 minutes per game.

For his career, O'Quinn has appeared in 443 games with Indiana, New York and Orlando, posting 5.6 points, 4.6 rebounds and 1.3 assists in 14.4 minutes per contest. He's shot .500-or-better from the field in five of his seven NBA seasons, including a career-high .583 with New York in 2017-18.

Originally selected by Orlando with the No. 49 overall pick in the 2012 NBA Draft, the New York native played collegiately at Norfolk State where he averaged a double-double over his final two seasons. Following his senior season, he was named MEAC Player of the Year and led the No. 15 seed Spartans to a first-round upset of No. 2 seed Missouri.

Alcorn State leads preseason SWAC picks

Birmingham, AL - Defending **South-western Athletic Conference** football champion **Alcorn State** swept the top individual awards and is picked to make its sixth straight appearance in the league's championship game based on votes of head coaches and sports information directors revealed at Tuesday's 2019 SWAC Preseason Media Day here.

The Braves, under fourth-year head coach **Fred McNair**, placed 14 members on the preseason all-SWAC team led by Offensive Player of the Year, senior quarterback **Noah Johnson** and Defensive Player of the Year, senior linebacker **Solomon Muhammad**.

In all, Alcorn had nine players named to the first team, including three of the five offensive linemen, and five more on the second team.

The star-studded line-up fueled the votes that pegged the Braves winning their sixth straight East Division title and advancing to their sixth consecutive league title game appearance. Alcorn won back-to-back SWAC titles in 2014 and 2015 under former head coach **Jay Hopson** and grabbed its first conference crown in three years under McNair last season, 37-28 over West Division champion **Southern**.

Alabama A&M was picked to finish behind Alcorn State in the East followed by **Jackson State**, **Alabama State** and **Mississippi Valley State**.

The Jaguars of Southern under eighth-year head coach **Dawson Odums**, are picked to repeat in the West Division after wresting the three-year stranglehold on the division title from Grambling State a year ago.

Prairie View A&M is picked second followed by Grambling State, **Texas Southern** and **Arkansas-Pine Bluff**.

Johnson delivered a season ago completing a conference best 63.4 percent of his passes (168-of-265) for 1,944 yards with 15 touchdowns against eight interceptions. The Tampa, Fla. native also held the conference's top pass-



Johnson



Muhammad

ing efficiency with a rating of 137.7 and was fourth in rushing, totalling another 1,080 yards and 11 TDs.

He is joined in the first team backfield by teammate **De'Shawn Waller** who rushed for 1,215 yards, second-best in the league, and for a league-best 12 touchdowns. Waller rushed for at least 100 yards in seven of the last eight games and had the way paved by first team linemen **Deonte Brooks**, **Mustaffa Ibrahim** and **Kevin Hall**.

Alcorn's **Corey McCullough**, who led all kickers with 96 points a year ago, is the first team placekicker.

Defensive backs **Qwynnterio Cole** and **Javen Morrison** join Muhammad on the first team defense. Cole led the Braves in tackles a year ago with 76.

Others on the first team include 2018 rushing leader, senior **Taeyler Porter** of Arkansas Pine Bluff who rushed for 1,220 yards, five yards better than Waller.

Porter's teammate, wide receiver **Dejuan Miller**, is also a first teamer and the top returning receiver after hauling in 56 passes (5.1 per game) for 801 yards and 7 TDs last season.

Alabama A&M's **Armoni Holloway**, who led the league last season with 108 tackles, is also a first teamer.

Prairie View A&M had eight preseason all-SWAC selections, three on the first team.

PRESEASON PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

EASTERN DIVISION

Alcorn State (92)
Alabama A&M (70)
Jackson State (61)
Alabama State (47)
Mississippi Valley State (30)

WESTERN DIVISION

Southern (90)
Prairie View A&M (78)
Grambling State (74)
Texas Southern (34)
Arkansas-Pine Bluff (24)
*first-place votes in parenthesis

2019 PRESEASON ALL-SWAC FOOTBALL TEAMS

SWAC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Noah Johnson, Sr., QB, Alcorn State

SWAC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Soloman Muhammad, Sr., LB, Alcorn State

PRESEASON FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

QB - Noah Johnson, ALC; **RB** - Taeyler Porter, UAPB; De'Shawn Waller, ALC; **OL** - DeJohn Jones, PVA&M; Deonte Brooks, ALC; Mustaffa Ibrahim, ALC; Jodeci Harris, SOU; Kevin Hall, ALC; **WR** - Tristan Wallace, PVA&M; DeJuan Miller, UAPB; **TE** - Kendrick Johnson, AA&M; **PK** - Corey McCullough, ALC;

DEFENSE

DL - Jordan Lewis, SOU; Christian Clark, ALST; Jalen Steward, UAPB; Anfernee Mullins, GSU; **LB** - Darron Johnson, ALST; Armoni Holloway, AA&M; Solomon Muhammad, ALC; **DB** - Javen Morrison, ALC; Qwynnterio Cole, ALC; Joseph McWilliams, GSU; Ju'Anthony Parker, PVA&M; **P** - Anthony Craven, ALST; **RS** - Ezra Gray, ALST

PRESEASON SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

QB - Aqeel Glass, AA&M; **RB** - Dawonya Tucker, PVA&M; Devon Benn, SOU; **OL** - Christian Rice, PVA&M; Danny Garza, PVA&M; William Waddell, GSU; Shonye Reams, AA&M; Jaylon Brinson, SOU; **WR** - Tren'Davian Dixon, TSU; Brian Jenkins, AA&M; **TE** - Jeremias Houston, SOU

DEFENSE

DL Ron Collins, PVA&M; Darrell Henderson, ALC; Theron Bonds, ALC; Khaal Johnson, JSU; **LB** - Brellon Hollis, ALC; Julian Marcantel, TSU; Keonte Hampton, JSU; **DB**- Daquarian Fields, GSU; Joshua Hill, ALST; Daylon Burks ALC; Montavious Gaines, SOU; **PK** - Zack Elder, PVA&M; **P** - Corey McCullough, ALC; **RS** - Tyrin Ralph, UAPB

BCSP Notes

Grambling State names street after famous alumnus Doug Williams

This past Friday afternoon, **Grambling State University** honored former quarterback **Doug Williams** with his own street name: Doug Williams Drive.

The street is located on the corner of Facilities and Stadium Drive on the Grambling State campus in Louisiana.

"To have a street named after you and to be there for years to come when I'm gone, they can remember that my daddy did something great at Grambling State University along with his teammates," Williams told the *Monroe News-Star* on Friday. "I don't look at it as overdue. People are going to do what they feel like they should do. Like they say in church, it might not come when you want it to, but it's right on time. I look at it, take it in stride and I'm humbled by it. There's so many other guys that have come before me and after me that deserve the same platform that I received today."

Williams, who serves as the senior vice president of player personnel for the NFL's Washington franchise, starred for Grambling State from 1974 to 1977. He passed for more than 8,000 yards and 93 touchdowns, posted a 35-5 record as the starter and led the Tigers to three **Southwestern Athletic Conference** (SWAC) titles. He was also named the Black College Player of the Year twice and finished fourth in the 1977 Heisman Trophy voting. In 2001, Williams was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

"People that go to school here don't have a clue about the people that came before them. When they see a Doug Williams Drive, some will come here and not know who Doug Williams is. But they get a phone and they can Google Doug Williams," Williams said. "If they do the same for **Willis Reed**, **Buck Buchanan**, **Ernie Ladd** and **Willie Brown** they'll find out the same thing that they went to an institution where a lot of great people went."

On hand for the ceremony were other Grambling legends like Reed and **Bert Jones**, along with current Tigers coach **Broderick Fobbs**.

As the street naming announcement spread around social media, Williams received plenty of congratulatory messages, including one from a fellow world champion: NBA Hall of Famer Earvin "Magic" Johnson.

"When you think about it, somebody like Magic Johnson throwing shout-outs like that, you've got to be humbled," Williams said. "Here's a guy that's one of the greatest of all time in his sport, letting you know that he watches what you do just like I watched what he was doing. To me, that's a great accolade and I really appreciate him doing that."

A first-round pick in the 1978 draft, Williams went on to have an illustrious nine-year NFL career that began with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. As the only African-American starting quarterback in the NFL, he led the Buccaneers to their first three playoff appearances in franchise history during his five-year tenure.

Following two seasons in the USFL, Williams played with Washington from 1986 to 1989 and won Super Bowl XXII with Washington during the 1987 season. In a 42-10 win over the Denver Broncos, Williams completed 18-of-29 passes for 340 yards with four touchdown passes en route to winning Super Bowl MVP honors.

Williams, a member of the 80 Greatest in Washington history and a Ring of Famer, is also the first African-American starting quarterback to win a Super Bowl, as well as the only Super Bowl quarterback to throw four touchdowns in a single quarter.

Five SIAC games to stream on ESPN3

ATLANTA, Ga. - ESPN's partnership with the **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** (SIAC) continues in 2019-20 with a five-game slate featured exclusively on ESPN3 for the third consecutive season.

This year's schedule will include three classics: the *Prince Hall Americanism Football Classic*, the *Fountain City Classic*, and the *84th Annual Tuskegee-Morehouse Classic*, along with the renewed Fort Valley State vs. Savannah State rivalry, and the anticipated match-up between the East and West Division in the SIAC Football Championship.

2019 SIAC ESPN3 STREAMING SCHEDULE

Prince Hall Americanism Football Classic
Sept. 14 7 p.m. Morehouse @ Miles



STREET LIFE: (L. to r.) Former Grambling State quarterback Doug Williams appears with GSU Athletics Director Dr. David Ponton, Maurice White of Zion Traveler Baptist Church who delivered the opening prayer and head football coach Broderick Fobbs as street on school's campus was named in his honor.

Tuskegee Morehouse Classic

Oct. 12 2 p.m. Tuskegee vs. Morehouse
Nov. 2 2 p.m. Fort Valley State @ Savannah State
Fountain City Classic
Nov. 9 2 p.m. Fort Valley State vs. Albany State
SIAC Football Championship
Nov. 16 2 p.m. Host: Eastern Division Champions

Hampton's Marrow invited to CP3 Elite Camp

HAMPTON, Va. - First Team All-Big South basketball selection **Jermaine Marrow** was invited to attend Chris Paul's annual Elite Guard Camp, which will be held July 18-21 in Paul's hometown of Winston-Salem, N.C.

After finishing one point shy of the Pirates' single-season record of 855 held by **Rick Mahorn**, his 854 points was the most in an NCAA Division I-era season for Hampton. He has already rewritten the Pirates record books as he finished first in both single-season free throws attempted (269) and free throws made (218).

Marrow also finished with the fourth highest single-season points total in Big South Conference history along with the seventh highest single-season scoring average in Big South Conference history (24.4). He ended his junior season with 1,987 points and is within range of Mahorn's school record of 2,418 career points. Marrow is on pace to become the 16th player in Big South Conference history to score 1,000 points in his first two years in the league.

Paul designed the intense, three-day camp to teach players the skills to reach the next level. Camp alums are a list of NBA All-Stars and potential ones including Ja Morant, the No. 2 overall pick in this year's NBA Draft, Kemba Walker, Bradley Beal and NBA Champion Steph Curry.

Alabama State's Martin named SWAC WOY

MONTGOMERY, Ala.- Former **Alabama State** student-athlete **Candace Martin** has been named the 2018-19 **Southwestern Athletic Conference** Woman of the Year while also becoming a nominee from the conference for the NCAA Woman of the Year.

Martin undoubtedly left her mark on the ASU program during her time in a Lady Hornets' uniform, leaving the program with four volleyball rings. She also was named the SWAC Tournament Most Valuable Player as a junior and following that up by being named the SWAC Co-Player of the Year as a senior.

Over her career, Martin helped Alabama State to two perfect seasons in conference play (40-plus consecutive victories) and four NCAA tournament appearances. She was also named a team captain during her time at Alabama State, was named to the SWAC All-Academic Team each year and was named All-Conference her final two years at the school.

She also volunteered for the Girls On The Run, Montgomery Food Bank, Project Life, Children's Center, at the Madonna Learning Center and at the SWAC Baseball/Softball Championship Tournaments. Martin graduated Summa Cum Laude in December 2018.

Martin earned an NCAA Post Graduate internship beginning this summer and running through 2020, she was named to the Dean's List each semester from Spring 2015 until graduation, received the President's Award in December 2018 and was inducted into the Epsilon Tau Sigma Honor Society in the Fall of 2017