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**SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
ANNOUNCES ALL-CONFERENCE FOOTBALL HONORS**

- *Prairie View QB Black, Grambling State DE Anthony earn top honors; 20 repeat selections* -

BIRMINGHAM – Prairie View A&M QB K.J. Black and Grambling State DE Christian Anthony headline the 2009 Southwestern Athletic Conference All-Conference Football Team announced Wednesday.

Black was selected as the Offensive Player of the Year, and Anthony was voted the Defensive Player of the Year. Texas Southern QB Arvell Nelson was voted the Newcomer of the Year, and GSU K Ari Johnson was voted the Freshman of the Year.

The team was voted on by conference head coaches and sports information contacts, along with selected members of the media.

Black, a 6-foot-4, 225-pound junior from Louisville, KY has led the Panthers to their first Western Division Championship and seven consecutive wins. Black completed 144 of 202 passes (71.3%) for 1,775 yards with 19 touchdowns and four interceptions. Black ranked second in the FCS in passing efficiency rating (172.18). Black posted a pair of 300-yard passing games and had five multi-TD passing games, including a career-high five scoring passes in the regular season finale vs. Univ. Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

Anthony (6-4, 275 from Birmingham, AL) led the SWAC in solo tackles (55) as he tied for sixth in the conference with 76 tackles. Anthony was third in the conference in sacks (8.0), second in tackles for loss (15.0), and was the only defensive linemen in the country with five interceptions, two of them returned for touchdowns. He also led the SWAC in forced fumbles (five) and fumbles recovered (three).

Nelson (6-5, 210; Cleveland, OH) led Texas Southern to their first winning season and first winning record in conference play since 2000. He was third in the conference in completion percentage (57.6%) and ranked second in passing yards (2,392 yards) with 12 touchdowns.

Johnson (5-11, 180, Corona, CA) led all SWAC players (both kickers and non kickers) in scoring with 90 points. He converted 36 of 38 extra points and 18 of 23 field goals (78.3 percent).

A total of 19 players earned All-Conference Honors in consecutive years – WR Thomas Harris, K Jeremy Licea, DE Jeremy Maddox, and OL Xavier Manuel (Alabama A&M), DE Christian Anthony, OL Revay Smith, RS Kiare

Thompson and RB Cornelius Walker (Grambling State), OL Eric Jones and DB Malcolm Palmer (Jackson State), RB Donald Babers, DB Anthony Beck, OL James Dekle, DE Quinton Spears and P Pedro Ventura (Prairie View A&M), QB Bryant Lee and WR Juamorris Stewart (Southern), DB De'Markus Washington (Texas Southern) and DB Kevin Thornton (Univ. Arkansas-Pine Bluff).

Additionally, RB Ulysses Banks earns All-Conference for the third time in his career (return specialist in 2006; running back in 2007.)

Upperclassmen dominated the 2009 All-SWAC team, especially on the first team where all but one selection was a senior. There were 23 seniors (13 first teamers) selected, 19 juniors (11 first teamers) and eight sophomores (one first teamer) to the 50-man team.

Division champion teams Prairie View A&M and Alabama A&M led the way with nine all-conference selections. The Panthers had six first-team selections, the most of any team, while AAMU had four first-team players. Grambling State had seven players selected (five-first teamers), followed by Southern which had six players selected (five first teamers).

Texas Southern had four selections on the squad, while Alabama State (two first teamers), Alcorn State (one first teamer), Jackson State (one first teamer), Mississippi Valley State and Univ. Arkansas-Pine Bluff (one first teamer) each had three all-conference selections.

2009 SWAC Football All-Conference Selections

First-Team Offense

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OL	Xavier Manuel	Alabama A&M	6-1	307	Sr.	Vinegar Bend, AL
OL	James Dekle	Prairie View A&M	6-2	285	So.	Miami, FL
OL	Revay Smith	Grambling State	6-1	305	Sr.	Port Allen, LA
OL	Ramon Chinyoung	Southern	6-1	295	Sr.	Houston, TX
OL	Tim Tusey	Prairie View A&M	6-3	295	So.	Houston, TX
TE	Warren Matthews	Southern	6-3	240	Sr.	New Orleans, LA
WR	Juamorris Stewart	Southern	6-3	195	Sr.	Baton Rouge, LA
WR	Thomas Harris	Alabama A&M	6-0	210	Sr.	Alexander City, AL
RB	Ulysses Banks	Alabama A&M	5-8	172	Sr.	Birmingham, AL
RB	Donald Babers	Prairie View A&M	5-9	170	Jr.	Houston, TX
QB	Bryant Lee	Southern	6-2	195	Sr.	Boutte, LA
K	Ari Johnson	Grambling State	5-11	180	Fr.	Corona, CA

First-Team Defense

DL	Christian Anthony	Grambling State	6-4	275	Jr.	Birmingham, AL
DL	Jeremy Maddox	Alabama A&M	6-0	244	Sr.	Grand Bay, AL
DL	Malcolm Taylor	Alcorn State	6-3	245	Jr.	Brooksville, MS
DL	Quinton Spears	Prairie View A&M	6-4	220	Jr.	Montgomery, TX
LB	Adrian Hardy	Alabama State	6-2	197	Sr.	Selma, AL
LB	Freddie Fairchild	Univ. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	6-2	225	Sr.	Little Rock, AR
LB	Cliff Exama	Grambling State	6-0	226	So.	N. Miami Beach, FL
DB	Malcolm Palmer	Jackson State	6-0	190	Sr.	Autaugville, AL
DB	Jason House	Southern	6-0	190	Jr.	Laurel, MS
DB	Rechard Johnson	Alabama State	5-11	190	Sr.	Montgomery, AL
DB	Anthony Beck	Prairie View A&M	6-2	205	Sr.	Channelview, TX
P	Pedro Ventura	Prairie View A&M	5-9	170	Jr.	Houston, TX
RS	Kiare Thompson	Grambling State	6-1	185	Jr.	Sacramento, CA

Second-Team Offense

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OL	Eric Jones	Jackson State	6-3	285	Jr.	Birmingham, AL
OL	Charles Smith	Texas Southern	6-5	325	Jr.	Largo, MD
OL	Anquez Jackson	Alabama A&M	6-4	339	Sr.	Birmingham, AL
OL	Robert Ogletree	Mississippi Valley State	6-2	290	Sr.	Birmingham, AL
OL	Isaac Williams	Alcorn State	6-0	290	So.	Clinton, MS
TE	Jonathan Hannah	Texas Southern	6-4	255	Sr.	High Point, NC
WR	Nicholas Andrews	Alabama State	5-9	170	So.	Maplesville, AL
WR	Gabe Osaze-Ediae	Prairie View A&M	6-1	185	Sr.	Austin, TX
RB	Frank Warren	Grambling State	6-0	180	Jr.	Monroe, LA
RB	Cornelius Walker	Grambling State	5-10	170	Jr.	Atlanta, GA
QB	K.J. Black	Prairie View A&M	6-4	224	Jr.	Louisville, KY
K	Jeremy Licea	Alabama A&M	5-7	147	Sr.	Ventura, CA

Second-Team Defense

DL	Jared Green	Mississippi Valley State	6-2	290	So.	Little Rock, AR
DL	Terrance Onyuike	Jackson State	6-1	290	Sr.	Plainfield, NJ

DL	Josh Cragin	Alcorn State	6-1	220	Jr.	Fort Walton Beach, FL
DL	Frank Kearse	Alabama A&M	6-4	281	Jr.	Savannah, GA
LB	Dejuan Fulghum	Texas Southern	6-1	220	Jr.	Killeen, TX
LB	Afu Okosun	Alabama A&M	5-8	236	Jr.	College Park, GA
LB	Rory Malone	Mississippi Valley State	5-10	225	Jr.	Mesquite, TX
DB	Chris Adingupu	Prairie View A&M	6-1	180	Jr.	Miami, FL
DB	Korey Morrison	Alabama A&M	5-10	159	Jr.	Montgomery, AL
DB	De'Markus Washington	Texas Southern	5-9	160	So.	Dallas, TX
DB	Kevin Thornton	Univ. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	6-1	210	Sr.	Little Rock, AR
P	Josh Duran	Southern	5-9	180	Jr.	Eunice, LA
RS	Mareo Howard	Univ. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	5-9	180	Jr.	Fort Valley, GA

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

K	Ari Johnson	Grambling State	5-11	180	Fr.	Corona, CA
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NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

QB	Arvell Nelson	Texas Southern	6-5	210	Jr.	Cleveland, OH
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OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

QB	K.J. Black	Prairie View A&M	6-4	224	Jr.	Louisville, KY
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DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

DL	Christian Anthony	Grambling State	6-4	275	Jr.	Birmingham, AL
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