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## Tanner earns academic honor Running back wins second all-district award

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Phillip Tanner earned first team Academic All-District honors for the second year in a row. ()

**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** - Middle Tennessee running back **Phillip Tanner** has joined some elite company for his work on and off the football field. Tanner was recently selected First Team Academic All-District by ESPN the Magazine and the College Sports Information Directors of America. It marks the second straight year he has earned the honor.

Tanner, a recreation management major, was one of just 24 players named to the first team and one of just two running backs.

The Dallas, Tex., native played in 12 games this past season on his way to recording a career-best 714 rushing yards and 15 touchdowns to go with 13 receptions. Tanner was named the Walter Camp National Offensive Player of the Week after rushing for a career-high 159 yards on 14 attempts and five touchdowns in win over North Texas while adding a sixth score on a 92-yard kickoff return.

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