

# Former FSU star Rolle joins Knight Commission

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Myron Rolle, a Rhodes Scholar and former football All-American at Florida State, joins the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics as its newest member at its meeting today in Washington, D.C.

Rolle is now a second-year medical student at the Florida State University College of Medicine.

"Myron brings the experience and point of view that is crucial to the Knight Commission's vital work as we address some of the most challenging issues facing college sports today," said Dr. R. Gerald Turner, co-chairman of the Commission and president at Southern Methodist University.

Rolle graduated magna cum laude from Florida State University with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science in 2008. A three-year starter at safety, Rolle earned AP All-American, All-ACC and CoSIDA Academic All-America honors.

Upon graduation, Rolle received the prestigious Cecil J. Rhodes Scholarship and earned the MSc in Medical Anthropology from Oxford University in 2009. Upon his return from Oxford in 2010, he was drafted in the sixth round by the Tennessee Titans.

Rolle is only the third person to have received a Rhodes Scholarship and a contract with a National Football League team. In 2009, Rolle founded the Myron L. Rolle Foundation, which is dedicated to the support of health, wellness, educational and other charitable initiatives that benefit children and families in need. Rolle also serves on the Board of Trustees at Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia.

This is the Commission's second meeting this year.

Other Knight Commission recommendations that have not been addressed that will be discussed in its deliberations include:

- Reducing the athletics time demands on athletes;
- Revising revenue distribution for the College Football Playoff and the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship to reduce the emphasis on winning and increase the emphasis on educational values;
- Requiring Division I institutions to make NCAA financial reports public to provide needed transparency for how the money in college sports is used to strengthen the educational mission.

The Commission will release a statement at the conclusion of its meeting on Tuesday.

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