Football Player Sparks Scores Academically

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Tulane's Cody Sparks will go down as one of the most productive tight ends in school history, but the football standout also has won recognition for his performance in the classroom. The senior was one of only 11 players selected to the 2010 Conference USA All-Academic Football Team, the league office announced.



Senior Cody Sparks excels at Tulane on the football field playing tight end and in the classroom as a marketing major in the A. B. Freeman School of Business. (Photo from Tulane athletics)

<u>Sparks</u>, a native of Bridge City, Texas, has earned a 3.48 grade point average in his pursuit of a marketing degree at the A. B. Freeman School of Business.

A three-time member of the Tulane 3.0 Club and the C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll, Sparks closed out his Green Wave football college career with 43 receptions, the third most in school history by a tight end.

He also had 427 receiving yards, ranking fourth on the all-time list. Sparks led the team with six receiving touchdowns, and his receptions and yardage totals mark the

most production by a Tulane tight end in 27 years.

Sparks had at least one reception in 11 of 12 games and logged three or more catches in seven contests. His best receiving day was 99 yards in the season finale against Marshall University.

He also hauled in a career-best seven catches against the University of Tulsa and against Rice University. Sparks scored a career-best two touchdowns in the Rice contest.