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Harvard's Craig Named Recipient of New England Football Writers

Agganis/Zimman Award

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – Harvard University senior quarterback Jaden Craig has been named the recipient of the New England Football Writers 2025 Harry Agganis/Harold Zimman Award presented to the most outstanding player in New England regardless of division. The award will be presented at the NEFW Captains and Awards Banquet on Thursday, December 11, at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel and Conference Center.

Craig, a native of Montclair, N.J., played at Seton Hall Prep High School before enrolling at Harvard. A full-time starter his junior and senior seasons, Craig is a three-time letter recipient. He has directed the Crimson to a 17-3 record over the past two seasons and a share of the Ivy League title in both 2024 and 2025. He appeared in seven games as a sophomore, starting three, and helped the Crimson to a shared Ivy title that year as well.

Craig has received multiple awards during his Crimson career. He is on the 2025 Walter Payton Award watch list (outstanding player in Division I FCS) and was a finalist for the honor in 2024. He was All-Ivy second team in his junior season and was named to the NEFW All-New England University Division team. This season he is on the watch list for both the Senior Bowl and the Shrine Bowl. He is an Academic All-District honoree from his junior season. In both his sophomore and junior seasons, he won a weekly NEFW Gold Helmet as being the player of the week in Division I FBS and FCS in New England.

Statistically, Craig has played in 27 games with 23 starts, averaging 221 yards passing per game and completing 61.5% of his throws. His 5,967 passing yards have made him Harvard's all-time leader in that category. Craig has thrown 51 touchdown passes. He has rushed for an additional 11 scores and has even averaged 48 yards on three career quick-kicks. Craig had a career best 390 passing yards in Harvard's 2025 win over Penn including a season-high 82-yard strike. He threw for four scores in a win over Dartmouth two weeks prior to that and has led the Crimson to a top 10 national FCS ranking.

Craig is the fifth Harvard player to be honored by the NEFW with the Agganis/Zimman Award. He follows the inaugural recipient, Bobby Leo (1966), Pat McNally (1974), Carl Morris (2022) and Josue Ortiz (2011).

Any persons wishing to attend the NEFW Banquet can make reservations on-line at <https://newenglandfootballwriters.com/captains-%26-awards-banquet>. Reservations are \$75.00 each, are non-refundable, and must be made by 4:00PM, Friday, December 5. Anyone who wishes is invited to attend, and all attendees, including award recipients, are expected to make paid reservations.

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