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UConn's Fagnano Named Recipient of New England Football Writers

University Division Season Gold Helmet Award

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – University of Connecticut quarterback Joe Fagnano, a graduate student, has been named recipient of the New England Football Writers (NEFW) University Division 2025 Season Gold Helmet award presented annually to the player of the year in Division I FBS and FCS. The award will be presented at the NEFW Captains and Awards Banquet on Thursday, December 11, at the Sheraton Framingham (Mass.) Hotel and Conference Center.

A native of Williamsport, Pa., and a graduate of Williamsport High School where he was an All-State selection, Fagnano has led the Huskies to a 9-3 record and a berth in a bowl yet to be named. He transferred from the University of Maine to UConn following his sophomore season.

At the completion of the 2025 regular season, Fagnano is third in the nation in passing yards with 3,448 over 12 games. He is fourth in FBS with 28 touchdown passes, and is seventh in both pass completions with 23.75, and passing yards per game (287.33). Currently ranked 11th in passing efficiency at 161.02, his completion percentage of 69% ranks him 14th nationally. Perhaps his most remarkable statistic is that he threw 348 passes over 10+ games before he threw his first and only interception of the season, and now rides a string of 63 straight passes without a pick. With a bowl game left to play, Fagnano is just three completions away from the school record and only 37 yards away from another UConn passing record.

Fagnano has been named the 2025 recipient of the Bulger Lowe Award representative of the top offensive player in New England from the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston. He is also a semifinalist for the 2025 Davey O'Brien Award as the nation's top quarterback.

Fagnano is the first University of Connecticut player to receive the Season Gold Helmet. The award has been presented since 1974.

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

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