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Notre Dame of West Haven To Receive Walter Camp's 2009 "Joseph W. Kelly" Award

NEW HAVEN, CT – Notre Dame of West Haven, which was ranked No. 1 in the *New Haven Register*, *New London Day*, and *Hartford Courant* season-ending polls, is the Walter Camp Football Foundation's choice to receive the Joseph W. Kelly Award, which is awarded annually to Connecticut's top high school football.

It is the second time that Notre Dame has earned the Kelly Award (1991). It also marks the seventh time since 1994 that a Southern Connecticut Conference school has earned the Kelly Award (Cheshire 1994 and 1995; Hand 1997, 2004; West Haven 2002).

"Notre Dame certainly distinguished itself after playing such a difficult regular-season schedule in the SCC and then beating two undefeated teams in the state playoffs," said Walter Camp Football Foundation President Alphonse Paolillo, Jr. "We salute Coach Tom Marcucci, his staff and players on a tremendous season and a job well done."

Notre Dame captured the SCC Division I East title on its way to a 9-1 regular-season record. On Thanksgiving, the Green Knights defeated rival Hamden, 31-15, and with the victory earned a spot in the Class L playoffs.

In the state semifinals, Notre Dame traveled to West Hartford and defeated previously-undefeated Conard, 42-14. On Saturday, December 5, the Green Knights overcame a first-half deficit to defeat undefeated Pomperaug, 28-21, in the Class L championship game. It was Notre Dame's first state title since 2001. The high-scoring Knights also set a SCC record by averaging 39 points a game this season.

Coach Marcucci and the Notre Dame team, along with members of the 2009 Walter Camp All-America team, will be honored at the organization's national awards banquet on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at the Yale University Commons in New Haven. In addition, the Foundation will recognize three individuals – NFL Hall-of-Famer John Elway (Stanford), former NFL All-Pro David Fulcher and ABC broadcast personality Robin Roberts (Southeastern Louisiana) – with major awards.

The Foundation is offering a "Holiday Ticket Promotion" for the National Awards Dinner. Buy two tickets for \$400 (you save \$150) before December 25. Please call **(203) 288-CAMP** (288-2267).

Walter Camp “Joseph W. Kelly Award”
Connecticut High School Champions

2009 – Notre Dame (West Haven)
2008 – New Canaan
2007 – Ansonia
2006 – Ansonia
2005 – Xavier (Middletown)
2004 – Daniel Hand (Madison)
2003 – New Britain
2002 – West Haven
2001 – New Britain
2000 – Fitch (Groton)
1999 – Bloomfield
1998 – Bloomfield
1997 – Daniel Hand (Madison)
1996 – Weaver (Hartford)
1995 – Cheshire
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1992 – Cheshire
1991 – Notre Dame (West Haven)
1990 – Derby
1989 – Ansonia
1988 – Stratford
1987 – East Catholic (Manchester)
1986 – Trumbull
1985 – Hillhouse (New Haven)
1984 – Middletown
1983 – Ansonia
1982 – St. Joseph’s (Trumbull)
1981 – Naugatuck
1980 – Trumbull
1979 – Newington
1978 – Amity (Woodbridge)
1977 – Trumbull
1976 – Fitch (Groton)

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