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Boston College's Tyler Murphy Named 2014 Walter Camp "Connecticut Player of the Year" *Former Wethersfield HS star will be honored on January 17*

NEW HAVEN, CT – Former Wethersfield High School standout **Tyler Murphy**, a graduate quarterback from Boston College, has been named by the Walter Camp Football Foundation as its 2014 "Connecticut Player of the Year."

Awarded annually to the top college football player who is a resident and/or played scholastically in the state of Connecticut, the Connecticut Player of the Year is selected by the all-volunteer membership of the Walter Camp Foundation.

Murphy is the third player from Boston College – joining former Eagles Bill Romanowski (Vernon, 1987) and Kevin Pierre-Louis (Norwalk, 2013) – to earn the Connecticut Player of the Year award.

"We are pleased to recognize Tyler Murphy as our Connecticut Player of the Year," Foundation president James Monico said. "Tyler has been a dual offensive threat for the Pinstripe Bowl-bound Eagles and a worthy recipient of this honor."

The 6-foot, 2-inch, 213-pound Murphy transferred to Boston College in the spring of 2014 after earning his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida, where he played three seasons for the Gators. Murphy is pursuing his graduate degree in administrative studies at BC.

A dual-threat quarterback, Murphy made his presence known in his year at the Heights. Murphy has set Atlantic Coast Conference and BC season records for rushing yards by a quarterback (1,079). His 1,079 rushing yards also rank third among all ACC players. He became the first BC quarterback to rush for 100 yards in a single game, completing the feat four times in 2014. He ranks second among all quarterbacks nationally for rushing yards and yards per game and first among all quarterbacks in the country for yards per carry (6.3). Murphy completed 120-of-211 passes for 1,526 yards with 11 passing touchdowns.

Murphy's best game came on September 13 when he recorded a career-high 191 yards on 13 carries, averaging 14.7 yards per rush and scored a touchdown in the Eagles' upset of ninth-ranked USC. He earned ACC Offensive Back of the Week honors for his performance against the Trojans, recording the second-highest rushing total by an ACC quarterback in conference history.

He was recently named to the All-New England Team and the team's William J. Flynn Most Valuable Player award.

Boston College (7-5) will face Penn State (6-6) in the New Era Pinstripe Bowl on Saturday, December 27 at Yankee Stadium.

At Wethersfield High School, Murphy accounted for more than 30 touchdowns with 1,100 yards passing and 1,100 rushing yards and earned All-State honors as a senior. He also was a track standout, winning the triple jump at the 2010 State Open Track Meet with a jump of 46'7".

Murphy, along with the members of the 2014 Walter Camp All-America team, including 2014 Player of the Year Marcus Mariota (Oregon), will be recognized at the organization's national awards banquet, presented by First Niagara Bank, on Saturday, January 17, 2015 at the Yale University Commons in New Haven.

In addition, the Foundation will recognize three individuals – broadcasting legend Verne Lundquist (Distinguished American), former Notre Dame and Pittsburgh Steeler standout running back Jerome Bettis (Man of the Year) and former Air Force All-American and Dallas Cowboy Chad Hennings (Alumnus of the Year) – with major awards.

The Foundation is offering a "Holiday Ticket Promotion" for the National Awards Dinner. Buy two tickets for \$450 (you save \$150) before December 31. Please call (203) 288-CAMP (288-2267) for more information.

Walter Camp, "The Father of American football," first selected an All-America team in 1889. Camp – a former Yale University athlete and football coach – is also credited with developing play from scrimmage, set plays, the numerical assessment of goals and tries and the restriction of play to eleven men per side. The Walter Camp Football Foundation – a New Haven-based all-volunteer group – was founded in 1967 to perpetuate the ideals of Camp and to continue the tradition of selecting annually an All-America team.

Connecticut Player of the Year

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2014 – Tyler Murphy, QB, Boston College
2013 – Kevin Pierre-Louis, LB, Boston College
2012 - Bjoern Werner, DE, Florida State
2011 - Silas Redd, RB, Penn State
2010 – John Moffitt, OL, Wisconsin
2009 – Aaron Hernandez, TE, Florida
2008 – Kory Sheets, RB, Purdue
2007 – Mike McLeod, RB, Yale
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2005 – John Sullivan, C, Notre Dame
2004 – Anttaj Hawthorne, DT, Wisconsin;
Dan Orlovsky, QB, Connecticut
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2002 – Niko Koutouvides, LB, Purdue
2001 – Dwight Freeney, DE, Syracuse

2000 – Peter Mazza, LB, Yale
1999 – Bobby Myers, DB, Wisconsin
1998 – Carl Bond, RB, Connecticut
1997 – Kyle McIntosh, RB, Syracuse
1996 – Tarek Salah, LB, Wisconsin
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1994 – Jason Miska, LB, Auburn
1993 – Chris Zingo, LB, Cornell
1992 – Curtis Eller, LB, Villanova
1991 – Corey Vincent, DL, Holy Cross
1990 – Rob Thomson, DB, Syracuse
1989 – Terry Wooden, LB, Syracuse
1988 – Glenn Antrum, WR, Connecticut
1987 – Bill Romanowski, LB, Boston College
1986 – Richard Comizio, RB, Pennsylvania
1985 – Tom Patton, DE, Holy Cross
1984 – No recipient
1983 – Steve Young, QB, Brigham Young
1982 – Mike Marshall, DB, Southern Conn.
1981 – Richard Diana, RB, Yale