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Signing Day 2017: American Heritage's Pierre Michel helps kickstart fledgling Keiser program

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Pierre Michel's new football team has not played a single game yet.

Michel became part of Keiser University's first football players after signing with the Seahawks on National Signing Day on Wednesday.



Pierre Michel and Jonathan Resnick talk during National Signing Day at American Heritage on Wednesday. Michel signed a letter of intent to play football at Keiser University and Resnick will play football at Johns Hopkins. (Damon Higgins / The Palm Beach Post)

"It really is a blessing right now," Michel said. "It's a blessing to be the first one they offered, too. I'm excited to start working hard when I get up there."

The Seahawks don't begin play until 2018, so Michel, an offensive lineman, and the other members of Keiser's inaugural class will redshirt this coming season.

"I'm ready to work," Michel said.

Keiser named Doug Socha the program's first head coach in January, and it's no surprise Socha is recruiting players from American Heritage. Socha got his first head coaching job in Palm Beach County at American Heritage, going 22-5 and winning a state title. After leaving Heritage, he started the football program at Oxbridge Academy.

"He definitely helped change my mind," Michel said.

The Seahawks also signed Palm Beach Gardens quarterback Eli Mathews and Oxbridge Academy defensive lineman Simeon Phillips.

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