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Keiser University Latin American Exchange Student First to Play as a Seahawk Athlete



Francis Espinoza with Coach Chris Saltmarsh

West Palm Beach, Florida – September 2, 2017 For Francis Espinoza excitement on the court is a way of life. The Keiser University Nicaraguan Campus exchange student is now enjoying this semester as a Seahawk volleyball player on the university's West Palm Beach Flagship campus, and is no stranger to life on the court since both of her parents were basketball players.

"I started attending games very early in life while cheering on mom and dad, and also watching other tournaments," said Espinoza, a Managua native, whose parents played for Nicaragua's National Women's Team and the Men's Basketball Second Division.

However, it was not the game of basketball that eventually won the young spectator over, but volleyball instead.

While watching my parents play basketball as a small child, the time-outs were sometimes hard to understand so I became very intrigued that the sport required that the ball stay in the air at all times," smiled the 20 year-old who had first played volleyball in elementary school.

It appears that Espinoza is the first of many Keiser University Latin American Campus students who will enjoy athletic opportunities at the Keiser University West Palm Beach, Florida Flagship Campus as they slip on a much-loved Seahawk blue athletic uniform. Openings are increasing for additional coeds to enjoy similar adventures through Keiser University's Student Exchange Program. "While we have multiple campuses, we are still one university, so our exchange program fills a unique niche for those students who would like the opportunity to experience another culture through first-hand learning experiences," said Peter Crocitto, Executive Vice Chancellor at Keiser University.

"I'm thrilled to be a Keiser University exchange student and to visit the United States to continue my studies while also serving as a defensive player on the team," said the college senior. "I love the fact that the transition process was quite seamless, and the Flagship Campus' international diversity and opportunities to interact with students from other cultures is wonderful. I am also excited for fellow Seahawk students to have the opportunity to explore Nicaragua, as it is rich in cultural history and there are many opportunities to explore our volcanoes, jungles, beaches, and islands.

Espinoza, looks forward to a career within the media, marketing and advertising profession.

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