



## National Signing Day Coverage

### Web

**Squad 17 Microsite:** Everything you need to know about Squad 17 including high school, hometown, player bios, measurables and quotes from coaches.

**National Signing Day Central** (this page): Website hub for up-to-the-minute coverage of National Signing Day.

**National Signing Day Show** (9 a.m.- noon): Watch up-to-the-minute Canes coverage of National Signing Day with Joe Zagacki and Don Bailey Jr. on ACC Network Extra.

### Social

**Facebook:** Live video features throughout the day including behind-the-scenes coverage, Q&A sessions with current football student-athletes, Coach Mark Richt's press conference at 3 p.m. and more.

**Twitter:** Official announcement and graphics of signees, highlight video of signees and behind-the-scenes video and photos.

**Instagram:** Photos of signees, behind-the-scenes photos and information about each signee on Instagram Story.

## Today's Signees

**Trajan Bandy** (Miami, Fla.) – Defensive Back – Columbus High School  
Consensus four-star prospect by 247Sports, ESPN, Rivals and Scout...Rated as the 30th –best cornerback by 247Sports...Earned a No. 33 ranking in the state of Florida by 247Sports... Rated as the 267th prospect nationwide on ESPN300...Participated in The Opening in 2016...**Earned a Top 300 PrepStar All-America ranking**...Named First Team All-Dade by the Miami Herald...Totaled a pair of returns for touchdowns as a senior...Coached by Chris Merritt at Columbus High School...Chose Miami over offers from Alabama, Auburn, Cincinnati, Clemson, Oklahoma and Colorado.

**Kai-Leon Herbert** (Plantation, Fla.) – Offensive Line – American Heritage School

Consensus four-star offensive line prospect by 247Sports, ESPN, Rivals and Scout...Rated as the 28th–best offensive tackle in the class of 2017 by 247Sports...Ranked No. 99 regardless of position on the ESPN300 rankings...Participated in The Opening in 2016... Selected to 2017 Under Armour All-America Game...**Earned a Top 300 PrepStar All-America ranking**...Named Miami Herald First Team All-Broward... Selected First Team Sun-Sentinel All-County...Helped anchor an offensive line that posted

over 4,700 total yards...Spent his senior season playing for former Miami Dolphin Patrick Surtain at American Heritage High School...Played three seasons for cornerbacks UM coach Mike Rumph at American Heritage High School...Chose Miami over offers Michigan, Auburn, Florida, California, Colorado, Georgia and LSU.

**D.J. Johnson** (Sacramento Calif.) – Defensive Line – Luther Burbank High School

Consensus four-star defensive lineman by 247Sports, ESPN, Rivals and Scout...Rated as the 72nd–best prospect in the country according to 247Sports...Selected as the ninth-best player in the state of California by 247Sports...Ranked No. 62 in the final ESPN300 rankings...Rated as the No. 5 position prospect by ESPN...**Ranked No. 34 on the PrepStar Top 150 Dream Team**...Totaled 85 tackles (47 solo), 14.5 sacks and 31 tackles for loss during his senior season...Took part in the 2017 Under Armour All-America Bowl...Coached by John Heffernan at Luther Burbank High School...Had offers from 100 schools...Chose Miami over Washington, USC, Ohio State and Alabama.

**N'Kosi Perry** (Ocala, Fla.) – Quarterback – Vanguard High School

Widely regarded as one of the most dangerous dual-threat quarterbacks in the nation...Consensus four-star quarterback by 247Sports, ESPN, Rivals and Scout...Rated as the sixth-best quarterback at his position according to 247Sports...Comes to Miami ranked No. 29 in the state of Florida by 247Sports...Ranked No. 84 in the final ESPN300 rankings...**Earned a Top 300 PrepStar All-America ranking**...Received FHSAA 6A Player of the Year honors...Helped guide Vanguard to an impressive 10-2 overall record during his senior season...Totaled 24 touchdowns and completed 64 percent of his passes during his senior season...Scored 43 total touchdowns with 11 coming on the ground during his junior season...Threw for over 2,000 yards during his junior campaign...Coached by Edwin Farmer at Vanguard High School...Chose Miami over offers from Auburn, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida State and West Virginia.

**Derrick Smith** (Jacksonville, Fla.) – Defensive Back – Trinity Christian Academy

Consensus three-star prospect by 247Sports, ESPN, Rivals and Scout...Listed as the 76th-best prospect at his position by ESPN...Listed as the 124th-best recruit in the state of Florida by 247Sports...Helped guide Trinity Christian Academy to an 11-3 record...Coached by Verlon Dorminey at Trinity Christian Academy...Chose Miami over offers from USC, Mississippi State, North Carolina, Kentucky and Cincinnati.

**Jeff Thomas** (East St. Louis, Ill.) – Wide Receiver – East St. Louis

Consensus four-star wide receiver prospect by 247Sports, ESPN, Rivals and Scout...Rated as the No. 1 player in the state of Illinois...Listed as the sixth-rated wide receiver and the No. 2 player in the state of Illinois by 247Sports...Ranked No. 55 in the final ESPN300 rankings... Took part in The Opening in 2016...Starred in the 2017 Under Armour All-America Game and posted game records of 148 yards receiving and two touchdowns...**Selected to the Top 150 PrepStar All-America Dream Team**...Was a three-year starter in high school...Finished his career with 177 receptions for 3,532 yards and 41 touchdowns...Helped guide East Saint Louis High School to a perfect 14-0 season and its first Illinois State Championship in eight years...Hauled in a pair of touchdowns in the state championship...Caught 50 passes for 1,101 yards and 13 touchdowns as a senior...Coached by Darren Sunkett at East Saint Louis High School...Chose Miami over offers from Louisville, Oregon, Illinois, Michigan and Alabama among others.