Non-Football Signings

Students from University School pose during their Signing Day ceremony. Top row, from left: Tyler Palmer, David Perry, Dwelie Struggles, Kevin Barber, Kwesi Alleyne, Alexander Freedman. Wil Cannon. Bottom row: Taylor James, Brandon Reaney Graham, Jeremy Katz, Eric Reyes.

University, Heritage Have Large Signing Classes

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Davie — The “brothers” of the University School boys’ soccer team finally had to separate.

After playing together for most of the last eight years on various travel, summer league and high school teams, the Suns’ core group of players had seen the school’s program rise from obscurity to an undefeated team (19-0-2) that played tonight.

On National Signing Day Wednesday, those five players, who were a big part of the team’s District 13-1A title run this season, began to head off in different directions by signing with colleges on the opposite ends of the country.

“We’re one team. We’re one family,” said goalkeeper Eric Reyes, who signed with the University of California-Santa Barbara. “We’re all going to keep in touch. I’m going to know them as long as I can because we’ve been friends for a long time. Aside from on the soccer field, they’re great people, too.”

Among the boys’ soccer players from the school who signed were midfielder Jeremy Katz (Muhlenberg College) and defenders Wil Cannon (San Diego State), Kwesi Alleyne (New Jersey Tech) and Kevin Barber (Lipscomb University).

Freedom, Palmer Choose Florida

University School middle infielders Alex Freedom and Tyler Palmer grew up playing for the Broward Canes baseball team and rooted for the University of Miami ever since they were little kids.

But after one game in the summer, Florida coach Kevin O’Sullivan approached them about playing for the Gators.

Freedom and Palmer both decided to sign.

“We both looked at each other and were like ‘Would we even have thought about going to Florida?’” Palmer said.

“It was always about UM so it’s kinda weird how it happened. He asked if we would be willing to go. We looked back at each other and said ‘It’s Florida, man.’”