

Jesuit trio kicks off Signing Day

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The second-youngest member of the sprawling **Feely** kicking dynasty is headed for New York City, where he'll be within an hour of its oldest member.

Jesuit senior Tyler Feely figuratively kicked off National Signing Day in the area this morning, applying pen to his paperwork with Ivy League fixture Columbia. He joined **Tigers OLB/DE Trace Williams** (Wingate) and track standout **Evan Rubinson** (Duke) at the formal ceremony at the school.

Tyler, the second-youngest of **Tom and Candace Feely's** five surviving boys (another passed away from a brain disorder), is 15 years younger than famous sibling **Jay**, who kicks for the New York Jets. Now, the two will be roughly an hour apart; **Jay** resides with his family in Saddle River, N.J.

"I was talking to Jay and he was looking forward to having me up there," said **Tyler**, who will receive what he termed a generous financial-aid package from Columbia. "He kind of regrets not being able to see many of my games."

Williams will be coached at I-AA Wingate by Joe Reich, brother of former NFL quarterback Frank Reich, who happens to be in south Florida this week as quarterbacks coach of the Indianapolis Colts.

"(Joe Reich) was joking his brother doesn't have to do much because Peyton (Manning) runs the practices," **Williams** said.

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TAMPA -- Like they do every year on National Signing Day, **Jesuit** began just after sunrise and with a prayer. The **Tigers** featured three student/athletes who signed their letter of intents - kicker/punter **Tyler Feely**, defensive end **Trace Williams** and track standout **Evan Rubinson**.

Feely's carrying on the family tradition of kicking. His older brother **Jay** is the kicker for the New York Jets. **Feely**, who chose to further his football and academic career at Columbia University, said he knew playing college football was a possibility when he could hold his own with his older brothers.

"I had a huge influence from my brothers and we were very competitive," said **Feely**, who had interest from Georgetown, Air Force and Arkansas. "We always tried to outkick each other. About a year ago, I was able to beat **Jay** in a punting contest."

Feely's football teammate **Williams** wasn't too sure Wednesday would ever come because his recruiting process started a little later than others. As a junior playing behind **John Plasencia**, who plays at Northwestern now, **Williams** didn't get many chances to show his skills. But this past season, **Williams** began to flourish in the **Tigers** defense and led the team with seven sacks.

His play put him on the recruiting radar and allowed him to have some options before he chose Wingate.

"At first, I had nothing," said **Williams**, who credited his mother for putting together his highlight film.

"Honestly, no one knew who I was. But as the season started picking up, I started making plays and getting my name out there. All of sudden, they just started coming."

Rubinson chose Duke over Stanford because he liked the competitive nature of ACC track. But he also liked the chance to see Duke basketball up close and personal.

"I heard you have to start camping out for tickets in January for the game in March," **Rubinson** said. "The track coach won't actually let us camp out because he said it's too bad for our health and our practices, so I'll have to find tickets some other way."

-- *Katherine Smith*