

## Wyatt Sullivan | FAU Football

My name is W Suliman I'm at Florida Atlantic University and I play football so early on in my high school career I was actually playing basketball which has not been the sport I played in college But the best um advice a mentor I ever gave me was probably to stay the course and just don't give up like just be confident in yourself and your ability or whatever it is because it can it carries over to whatever sports you play I thought football was a better fit for me when I just was realizing how slow my recruiter was going for basketball due to COVID and there's only 15 spots on a basketball roster So there's only so many spots for every high school guy and when more guys have more eligibility that's less spots for the high school guys And I really wanted to go dean and I knew I was athletic So I knew that you know jumping and catching uh catching a lob or I don't was real similar to catching a touchdown or head top of somebody So I just thought it was gonna be a smooth transition It was my junior year I didn't get any recognition at all It was after my junior year really I was just playing I was going to every camp I could go to I was D ming every college coach I go to whatever film I had Even if it's a seven on seven pass if it's a if it's a some practice highlights with JD film whatever I had I send it out to everybody I could I talked to everybody I could I listened to everyone I was respectful to everyone I went to every camp I could go to I went to every seven or seven event I could go to and I performed at no And to know you know I just got that car and I got that first off What I did on the field that I feel like helped me stand out was I was I was a hustler You know I'm gonna run out the ball if I see ball get ball our defense I played special teams I played defense I play offense I didn't stick to one position cause at the end of the day you gotta play whatever whatever the college coaches thinks you're best at is the position you're gonna play in college So I was just resilient willing to play whatever they told me to play and whatever they offered me for was what I ended up going to school to play Cause a lot of times then I'm changing your position when you get here anywhere What led me to FA U was uh NFL Hall of Famer recruited me hires a lawyer was uh my recruiter to FA U and just believing what he was saying And then it's also beautiful down here It's paradise is B bear So just the scenery and the coaching at that time just let me here and advice I lead or advice I'd give to any kid getting ready or going through this recruiting process is ask the tough questions the coach like realistically you're recruited to you're committing to the program you're not

committing to a coach So if you don't like the program if you don't like certain things about the school if you don't like location et cetera blah blah the coach might not be there He the coach very rarely is the coach gonna be there for four years or three years So you gotta fall in love with the program and not the coach is what I would say Some things I picked up since being in college is you're not good enough Like naturally like you're gonna have to work harder to be better than everybody else Like if you just go to the workout the team workout and you go to the team runners and you think you're gonna get stronger and faster you're not you might get a little bit stronger and faster but you're not gonna be stronger and faster than the field So you have to like getting extra is necessary If you don't get extra you're not gonna understand your playbook you're not gonna understand you're not gonna be sharp You gotta you gotta know the playbook and you're assigned or whatever sport it is like the back of your like the back of your hand Like you if you have to more than know it you have to like be able to recite off the top of your hand without looking at a piece of paper So that requires a lot of extra a lot of extra work just to even sometimes even just even your playing field cause some people might just be naturally better than you before you even got it The social media I say the biggest thing is be mindful of what you post and who can offend And if if you're if you're posting in front of your tiktoks don't post vulgar tiktoks or Vulgar Instagram videos cause you you might be offending a business uh possible nil sponsorship You might be offending a coach you might be offending a coach's wife So just be real conscious of what you post and how it can affect other people But I see I si would say the main thing of building your name image and likeness is just consistency and how much he posts what platforms you're posting on and just be yourself like authentically somebody's gonna like thrill you Noah Chase stars chase greatness When I mean that when I say that I mean don't worry about how you look on a social media don't worry about um trying to impress like trying to be at all the Under Armour cares or how many stars you got cause the college coaches don't care about that Care about how worried about how good you are at your sport how athletic you are focus on your body focus on eating get bigger be ready to go to college cause nowadays you have to be ready as soon as you get on campus So if you focus on those things and you put yourself in every possible way to get into college coaches eyes you're gonna make it And also don't feel like you're too big to reach out to college coaches like you're you're not too good to reach out to the college coach cause they take their dams a lot of times So you might just

get lucky and a co sponsor D MS like your film and you get the offer that you've been looking for If I go back in time and tell myself John here here that how important my body was gonna be Now I would have started eating healthier I would have stretched more I would work on my mobility like your body is your engine Like your body is the most important thing that you can control like uh be the best ability is availability So just do everything you can to be as healthy as possible at all times cause you might be a little bit if you're this much not if you're if the guy is this much better than you but you're healthier than them and you're always on the field you're gonna play all around