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Retired NFL pro to fly with the SRHS Eagles as new head football coach

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY—He’s been a Buffalo, a Golden Norseman, a Sooner, a Panther, a Cardinal, a Viking and a Bear.

Now, Brandon Keith will take flight as an Eagle and the new head coach of Salt River High School’s 8-man football team.

“What’s most exciting about Coach Keith is his purposeful intention to share his personal experiences with his new team,” said SRHS Athletic Director Brandon Tauscher. “His playing and coaching resume blows you away on its own, but how he came to witness his success is what truly separates our new coach. Stories and lessons on perseverance and commitment reach beyond the game of football and are something that will stay with players long after the Friday night lights begin to dim.”

Keith, 32, will begin practicing with his new team in early August. As members of the Canyon Athletic Association, the Eagles, who went 5-4 last season and made it to the playoffs for the first time in eight years, will play their first game Friday, Sept. 1. The team boasts 12 returning players.

“I want to continue to build on the upswing from last year. In order to grow, we must continue to build on the good and learn from the bad of each season,” said Keith.

“We want to make football and classroom success goals instead of dreams,” Keith continued. “We want to help these kids realize they are blazing a trail for future students, to encourage them to jump at an opportunity and be a part of something special. That also means bringing together the Community to support and to be proud of what we are building here at Salt River High School.”

Before being named head football coach at SRHS, Keith coached the offensive line for the Phoenix College Bears. After playing for the Arizona Cardinals from 2008-2012, Keith played for the Minnesota Vikings in 2013 before retiring from professional football in 2014.

“We’re excited to have Mr. Keith as our new head football coach,” said SRHS Principal Brian Mabb. “He has a great depth of coaching and football experiences that will help us to have an amazing and fresh, new start this season.”

To keep up-to-date with Eagle athletics, visit <http://srhs.srpmic-ed.org>.

Brandon Keith Highlights

- 2002: Graduated from McAlester High School, Oklahoma
- 2003: Northeastern Oklahoma A&M Junior College
- 2004-05: University of Oklahoma
- 2006-07: University of Northern Iowa
- 2008-12: Arizona Cardinals
- 2013: Minnesota Vikings
- 2014: Retired
- 2015: Volunteer coach and analyst for ABC15
- 2016: Phoenix College Offensive Line Coach
- 2017: Inducted into the McAlester High School Hall of Fame

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