

## KARMELLO ENGLISH | MICHIGAN FOOTBALL

It's Carmelo English former football player at Michigan University I play wide receiver Uh I'm from Phoenix City Alabama for high school players that are trying to go D one What I would say is just overall just be yourself like let it let it come to you Don't don't go out reaching for it because some some college coaches they don't like to be text 24 7 Your parents reaching out to them like just put do good in school because at the end of the day some colleges won't even look at you even if you're a GPA not up to their standard Some of the some of the best info info that I would say that my mentors have gave me were just be yourself Like don't worry about what no one else is doing Just be yourself uh from literally to where I'm at now Just be yourself at the end of the day Don't worry about what no one else is doing Just be you Things that I focus on in my training to be as successful as I am right now is that I had this strength and conditioning coach in high school His name is Sir Jason Finley Really really cool guy I still talk to him to this day Um and he told me what you want you have to strive to be great at the end of the day So me and him would some days um after I graduated because I graduated early I had enough credits to finish the school year over early So with me graduating early me and him are coming to the weight room 6 a.m. Work out just to prepare me for the college workouts and then not even just on top of that Um We'll do small stuff during the season Uh we'll get extra conditioning in like it's all about going the extra mile instead of just being just the standard like you have to be the best version of yourself at the end of the day Yeah I guess that there was a lot of challenges that I have faith like just just not going to parties like in high school Yeah you're gonna wanna party you're gonna wanna enjoy your high school experience because you're not in high school forever So with me being a top prospect um there was a lot of things I couldn't do Um like I wanted to go to parties I couldn't go But that made that made that made me somewhat the person that I am today because without going to those parties um it made me very successful because I instead of going to those parties My my stepfather would make me go and work out like just a not not get too comfortable even though I was good enough But my stepdad wanted wanted me to be great to be the standard instead of setting a standard Yeah what I was saying about like my my recruitment process Uh It was it got cra kinda crazy towards the end because people may not know I was committed to Auburn University at first Um Then the coaching staff left so I decommitted

So with the coaching staff leaving like it left it left me in a bad place kinda because I made a decision off of people instead of being in love with the school So what I would tell like younger recruits people that are looking to go D one is just find somewhere that's makes you happy like a school make a 40 a 40 year decision instead of a fouryear decision What I mean by that is like what do what do the school have for you outside of football Like cause at the end of the day football is gonna end some sometime someday Now you have to set yourself up to be successful outside of football also So it's yeah it's it's it's tough It's a it's a lot of things that you may not know about the uh recruiting process but you have to achieve and look at the smaller things outside of football also just like um every everyone wanna go D one but it's some it's it's some some places that might be better than D one schools for you like it it all depends on what type of player and what type of person you are at the end of the day Uh and what makes me say that is uh you can be a fivestar recruit and let's say for instance um you wanted to go to a sec school and you may not get on the field for three years But if you go to a big 10 school you can get on the field immediately Like just don't make a decision based off what a program has already done make a decision off of what a program can help you achieve the goals that you wanna accomplish in life Um Just like just like for me um I chose I chose Michigan because like I said once again make a fouryear decision instead of a fouryear decision Michigan Michigan is top in academics and like I said football is not gonna be there It it has the it has the end at some point in your life and you can get a degree and play football So take advantage of it Oh what I wish I would have known in high school was um that everything is not gonna be given to you because I came I came from a high school where my sophomore year well going into my sophomore year I had quit football So my head coach Patrick Nick he had talked me into back coming back to play football and it changed it changed my life at the end of the day