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After making his fortune on Wall Street by the age of 27, FSOA Alumnus Will Frazer was looking for more, and he found it as an inspirational high school math teacher. Frazer recently led the Buchholz High School math team to win their fifth consecutive Mu Alpha Theta national math title. Mu Alpha Theta is a national mathematics honors society.

Leaving Wall Street in 1986, Frazer spent the next 11 years living the good life with no income or job. He then began looking for something more meaningful to do with his life. He volunteered as a golf coach for area high schools and as a financial consultant for the city of Gainesville and helped manage its pension fund. Still wanting more, he inquired about teaching in the Finance Academy at Buchholz High School, but was offered a math class instead. Once he stepped into the classroom, he was hooked.

During his first year of teaching Algebra 2 Honors, Frazer found a flier in his mailbox for a math competition in Central Florida and invited a handful of his best students to participate. They didn’t fare well in the competition, but they were undeterred. They wanted to know how to solve the math problems that stumped them during the competition. During their next month’s competition, they placed fifth and won a trophy.

By 2001, the team was winning state competitions and placing in national competitions. The Bucholz High School math team has now done what no other high school math team has ever done before—win five straight national championships. They took first place in all three divisions of the national competition in Dallas, and also brought home more than 180 individual trophies. They also captured their seventh-straight state math championship in April, the most consecutive state titles ever for a Florida high school.

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