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Buchholz High math team wins 15th national championship

The Buchholz High School math team is celebrating its 15th national championship after beating arch-rival American Heritage Broward and 30 other schools at the Mu Alpha Theta competition in Fayetteville, Arkansas this past weekend.

The win was a comeback of sorts. The BHS team beat American Heritage by 379 points, a very wide margin. Buchholz lost the state championship back in April to American Heritage by just 17 points.

“I was especially proud of some of our younger team members,” said team coach Will Frazer. “Several of them did not prepare properly for state and we paid a price. They learned their lesson and worked very hard in June to get ready.”

Buchholz brought home 282 trophies and medals over the four days of the competition. That included 28 first-place awards.

Two other significant prizes were awarded to the Buchholz team at the competition. The Khalin Award, which is the most prestigious individual award given to a student nationwide based on their contribution to their team over their school career, was presented to senior Tucker Shea.

Olanrewaju Fayiga, another of the BHS coaches, won the Sister Scholastica Award, which is presented to the sponsor of the year following a vote of student delegates. The award included a \$2000 prize for Fayiga and \$1000 for the school.

With this title, Buchholz has won 15 national Mu Alpha Theta championships in 16 years.

Frazer says the team won’t be resting on its laurels for very long.

“Our team will take a short break and start preparing for (next year’s) nationals in Las Vegas very soon,” he said.

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