

City of Gainesville, Florida
Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Buchholz High School math team has become a powerhouse in both state and national competitions over the last 15 years; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of coaches Will Frazer, Olanrewaju Fayiga and Ziwei Lu, the team recently won its 14th national championship at the annual Mu Alpha Theta competition, which draws the top high school mathletes from throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the BHS team earned the right to compete at the national level by winning its 15th Florida championship earlier this year; and

WHEREAS, team members spend many hours each week preparing individually and as a team for the competitions; and

WHEREAS, as a result of its continued success, the team has been featured by national media outlets including the Wall Street Journal; and

WHEREAS, in addition to more than 300 individual and team trophies, the BHS team also earned the national Rubin Award at the national competition this year for its outstanding mathematics service to the community; and

WHEREAS, an example of that service is the Alachua County Public Schools Math Olympiad, in which BHS math team members visit elementary and middle schools to host lessons and activities with the younger students to help them build their skills and confidence; and

WHEREAS, the team also founded, organizes and hosts the annual Superintendent's Math Challenge, a local competition for schools throughout the district designed to promote equal access to and boost students' enthusiasm for math; and

WHEREAS, the BHS team also organizes and hosts the Pre-Algebra Math Competitive Summer Camp, open to any student in grades 4 through 7 to help them prepare for advanced middle and high school math classes; and

WHEREAS, through its dedication to excellence and to instilling a love of math among students of all ages and backgrounds, the Buchholz High School math team has brought honor and recognition to the City of Gainesville and to Alachua County Public Schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim 2022 as

Buchholz High School Math Team Year

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our neighbors to join me in recognizing the Buchholz High School math team for its outstanding contributions to math education and the future of math in local schools and the community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 21st day of September, A.D., 2022.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lauren Poe", is written over a thin horizontal line.

Lauren Poe
Mayor