John Franklin with his spring 2016 Pittsburg State University BSE English graduates, each of whom teaches in an ELA for M/S classroom.

Back row (l to r): Anna Drenick, James Goss, Brad Gaddy, Paige Drummond, Laura Johnson, Audrey Rhuems.

Front row (l to r): Carmen Seeley, Jazmine Colvard, Professor John Franklin, Nicole Casey, Halle Connors.
John Franklin began his career at Jones High School in Houston. During that time, he combined his love for literature with a love of travel, spending 12-week summers in Britain with a backpack or a bicycle visiting the settings of the fiction, drama and poetry he taught: London for Dickens; Scotland for Macbeth; Canterbury for Chaucer; and, the Lake District for Wordsworth. One Fourth of July he ventured further abroad, discovering himself atop the Acropolis in Athens, thinking, “Here I am at the birthplace of democracy on the birthday of the greatest democracy that ever existed.” He has spent his life since then appreciating and sharing his good fortune.

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