

Commissioner Glass celebrates one year at KDE by co-teaching at Meade County High School

To celebrate his first year at the Kentucky Department of Education, Commissioner of Education Jason E. Glass returned to his alma mater at Meade County High School on September 17 to co-teach 9th-grade science with Jonathan Mangin.

Along with his return to the classroom, Glass celebrated the school's homecoming week and attended the football game later in the evening.

Congratulations on your first year, Doctor Glass.

And more good news about our commissioner of education:

Commissioner Glass wins KWLA award for support for world language education

Doctor Glass is the recipient of the Kentucky World Language Association's 2021 Amici Linguarum (Friend of Languages) Award in the education category. He received the award on September 17th during KWLA's virtual awards ceremony.

In the words of our commissioner, "Here at the Kentucky Department of Education, we are committed to providing a more equitable education system for all students. Introducing them to world languages and cultures is vital to providing our students with a global perspective that will benefit them greatly as they work toward not only bettering our state and country, but also bettering our world."

The Amici Linguarum award is presented each year by the KWLA and recognizes individuals or organizations who are not directly involved in the teaching of world languages for their significant contributions to the profession.

Alfonso De Torres Núñez is chair of the KWLA Awards Committee. He said "Our committee was most impressed with Dr. Glass' efforts to reach all students in the state of Kentucky, no matter the language, and his passion in protecting them during these difficult times and helping them reach their potential. It also was impressive to learn of his efforts to inspire students to use their language skills to explore avenues that may lead them in the future to jobs, success and opportunities in life."

Glass was recognized for his work in supporting the revised [Kentucky Academic Standards for World Language](#) and for his endorsement of the Seal of Biliteracy. The seal, which is placed on a high school diploma, recognizes students who have studied and become proficient in at least two languages.