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Arlington High School teacher earns National Board Certification

ARLINGTON- Arlington High School (AHS) teacher, Jeff Keeley, has earned his National Board Certification. To become a National Board Certified Teacher, Keeley had to go through a process that included: a content knowledge test; a portfolio of student work that shows students' growth over time; an in-classroom video and written analysis to demonstrate student interaction skills; and a demonstration of his abilities as an effective and reflective educator. Once an educator becomes certified, it indicates that the educator has met certain benchmarks for the teaching profession.

Keeley has taught social studies at AHS for the past 17 years, including World History, AP European History and AP US History. This past year, Keeley was a mentor for a student teacher in his class.

"I was fortunate to have a student teacher in my class," said Keeley. "Even though I've been teaching for many years, having a student teacher in my class allowed me to reflect on my teaching practices. My focus during this process was improving student writing."

Keeley earned his certification in December. There are currently 24 National Board Certified Teachers in Arlington Public Schools. Washington state has the third largest group of National Board Certified Teachers in the nation.

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