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Jerry DiTullio, CPS '03, '11

A common sentiment these days is that politicians are out of touch with the lives of “ordinary” people. Jerry DiTullio, the mayor of Wheat Ridge and a graduate of Regis University, is doing his best to counter that sentiment. For the past three years, besides fulfilling his mayoral duties, DiTullio has been serving as a special education teacher in Denver public high schools.

A member of the city council from 1995-2005, DiTullio was elected to his current post in 2005, and reelected in 2009, but he is by no means a lifetime politician. Before politics, he was a software developer, and shortly after he received his first graduate degree, an MBA from Regis, he spent several years in banking.

After being elected to mayor, a part-time role in Wheat Ridge, DiTullio sought a second job that would leave him with enough time to serve well. A part-time job as a Special Education Transition Aid in Wheat Ridge

High School seemed like a good fit. That work wound up being challenging and rewarding, so much so, that the following year, DiTullio took a full-time job teaching Special Ed. at Golden High School. He ultimately returned to Wheat Ridge High where he has taught for two years.

DiTullio eventually decided to get a second graduate degree and began in Regis' Special Education Teacher Licensure program. “I really appreciate the flexibility of the program,” says DiTullio, whose professors let him modify assignments so that he could apply them to his own classroom. “It was a win-win,” he adds. “I got a great education and my students benefited.”

So, the next time you are tempted to believe that all politicians are out of touch, think of Jerry DiTullio, an extraordinary mayor, who touches the lives of ordinary people every day.



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