

Golden Apple Award
Fran Stetson
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As an instructor with Soldotna High School's intensive needs vocational program, Fran Stetson helps students learn how to be good workers. At all levels of SoHi, Mrs. Stetson demonstrates a job well done.

Mrs. Stetson has fulfilled various special education teaching assignments for the last 17 years in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. At SoHi, she is not only a teacher, but also a job coach and advocate for her students, in the school and community.

SoHi Principal Todd Syverson said, "Fran has a special passion for people in general and goes above and beyond when it comes to her students and staff at SoHi. Fran's energy and enthusiasm is contagious."

Mrs. Stetson gets the staff more involved with each other through the First Friday activity, which involves the staff bringing in food and socializing at school. This has fostered a great deal of fellowship and teamwork, Mr. Syverson said.

Within the business community, Mrs. Stetson builds support for the on-the-job vocational placement program for intensive-needs students. "Because of Fran's effort, we get phone calls at school from businesses wanting us to contact them about working with our students," Mr. Syverson said. "Fran is truly a master teacher and provides excellence to her students on a daily basis. Our students are truly the winners because of dedicated staff members like Fran Stetson, and she represents our district with a great deal of pride within our community."

We, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education, are proud to recognize Fran Stetson for teaching by example what it means to have a dedicated work ethic.