

Golden Apple Award
Roger Steinbrecher
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Roger Steinbrecher's multiple roles in Seward brought him in contact with many people, but it isn't his jobs that make him memorable, it's how he performed them.

Mr. Steinbrecher has been a high school and college teacher, a basketball and track coach, as well as athletic director at Seward High School. He positively impacted lives in all those roles.

"During his tenure, students were always drawn to Roger for his down-to-earth attitude. Producing state champions came easy to Roger, but it's not the trophies that he is remembered for, he is remembered for his leadership, his integrity and his genuine desire to bring out the good in all of his students," said Sarah Spanos, Seward PTSA secretary.

"He taught me many life lessons through basketball, and I wouldn't be the person I am today without him. He was a person in my life who helped instill values and morals. He put us in real-life situations and let his players know that things are not just easily given to us and that we would succeed in life and basketball by working hard and practicing," said Carri Fisher, Seward High School Class of 2001.

"Roger has always been a true leader in every aspect of athletics for as long as I have known him. He can relate well to people; he is respected by his peers from all over the state of Alaska, and he has been an inspiration to all young people he has been associated with," said Seward High Athletic Director Dan Krier.

"Roger never missed a detail for planning and safety. As a parent there was no supervisor you trusted more with your children than Roger. He set a personal standard that few can meet," said Ken Carr.

"In every situation, Roger approaches issues and challenges with the best interest of his students, players, colleagues, or the school foremost in his heart. Roger uses every resource at his disposal to help in that effort, and in every respect is a model teacher and citizen," said Steve Pautz, retired principal at Seward-area schools.

We, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education, are pleased to recognize Roger Steinbrecher for the powerful, positive impact he's had on the Seward community.