

**Thelma Antila**  
Golden Apple Award Recipient  
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The Aspirations Advocate Program is in its fourth year at Skyview High School and has grown to include eight other schools around the peninsula. The success of the program at Skyview is directly related to the outstanding mentors who have volunteered over the years.

Marlys Verba, Thelma Antila, and Scott Earsley have volunteered as mentors since the inception of the Aspirations Advocate Program at Skyview High School in 2000. Collectively, they have mentored over thirty young people; they have given of their time, energy, and resources to make a positive difference in the lives of their students.

Marlys, Scott and Thelma have gone beyond the basics of the program to bring even more meaningful experiences to the students in their groups. Scott has two students in his group that have been with him for three years. They have built a wonderful connection that has encouraged one student to run successfully for a position in student government. Thelma helped one young woman blossom into an active learner and confident athlete. Marlys never gave up on one young woman who constantly criticized, but always showed up for their meetings.

We, the Board of Education, recognize Marlys Verba, Thelma Antila, and Scott Earsley, for their outstanding volunteer service to the students of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.