

## West Virginia Teachers Honored with 2016 Arch Coal Golden Apple Awards

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Charleston, W.Va., April 19, 2016 – The Arch Coal Foundation presented 11 West Virginia teachers today with its Golden Apple Award.

The Golden Apple Awards are part of the Arch Coal Foundation's prestigious teacher recognition program, which recently honored 10 outstanding West Virginia classroom teachers with its highest award – the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award. Golden Apple Award recipients earned finalist status in the program, distinguishing them as being in the top tier of the 2016 nominees.

"Arch Coal is proud to recognize these excellent classroom teachers with Golden Apple Awards," said Russ Lorince, vice president of external affairs for Arch Coal. "They teach, they counsel, they inspire, and all while enabling their students to learn and to achieve at high levels. We salute their professionalism, dedication and commitment to both their students and the teaching profession."

Teachers are nominated for the Arch Coal awards by the public and recipients are selected by a panel of previous award winners. The awards have honored outstanding educators for 28 years and serve as West Virginia's longest-running, privately sponsored teacher recognition program.

Teachers receiving Golden Apple Awards are:

Jessica Cox	Ripley Middle School	Ripley
Georgina (Gina) Gill	Hite-Saunders Elementary School	Huntington
Victoria Grogan	Princeton Middle School	Princeton
Jessica Hartman	Union Educational Complex	Mt. Storm
Juliana Huff	Bradley Elementary School	Mt. Hope
Linda Lilly	Park Middle School	Beckley
Mary Lopez	Highlawn Elementary School	Huntington
Maureen Miller	Hurricane Middle School	Hurricane
Danielle Riggins	Midland Elementary School	Elkins
Mary Testerman	Mingo Central Comprehensive High School	Delbarton
Amanda Uhl	Taylor County Middle School	Grafton

The Teacher Achievement Awards are underwritten by the Arch Coal Foundation and are supported in program promotion by the West Virginia Department of Education, the West Virginia Education Association and the West Virginia Library Commission.

Arch Coal and the Arch Coal Foundation have a long history of supporting educational and community causes in West Virginia. The Arch Coal Foundation also supports teacher recognition or grants programs in Wyoming and Colorado.

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