

16 West Virginia Teachers Receive Golden Apple Awards

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CHARLESTON, W.Va., April 18, 2012 -- Sixteen West Virginia teachers today were presented Golden Apple Achiever awards by the Arch Coal Foundation, according to John R. Snider, Arch Coal, Inc. vice president, external affairs, eastern region.

"Last month, Arch Coal honored 12 teachers with our Teacher Achievement Award," said Snider. "The Golden Apple Achiever Award is presented to teachers who submitted exemplary applications to the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards program and came close to being honored with the Foundation's major award," he said.

"Our panel of peer judges -- past recipients of the award -- indicated the applications this year were of very high quality, which made selections difficult," said Snider. "West Virginia has many superior classroom teachers who deserve recognition. I hope each of these teachers will be nominated again next year because classroom teaching excellence is one of the keys to student achievement."

Teachers receiving Golden Apple Awards were:

Bill Anderson	Williamstown High School	Williamstown
Kristi Barker	Confidence Elementary School	Red House
Laura Addamiano Bobbera	Gilbert Elementary School	Gilbert
Billie Jo Brooks	Lumberport Middle School	Lumberport
Pamela Bush	Logan Middle School	Logan
Angel Cannon	Fairview Middle School	Fairview
Andrea Michelle Cathell	Morgantown High School	Morgantown
James Dennis	Parkersburg South High School	Parkersburg
Angela Dowling	Suncrest Middle School	Morgantown
Tracy Fauber	Williamstown High School	Williamstown
Crystal Howell	Chapmanville Middle School	Chapmanville
Rebecca Keathley	Ralph R. Willis Career & Technical School	Logan
Adam Osborne	Gilmer County High School	Glenville
Lynne Stone	Kanawha Elementary School	Davisville
Laura Vanhorn	North Elementary School	Morgantown
Sharon Walton	Washington District Elementary School	Buckhannon

The Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards program is the longest running, privately sponsored teacher recognition program in West Virginia. The teacher recognition awards are underwritten by the Arch Coal Foundation and supported in program-promotion by the West Virginia Department of Education, the West Virginia Education Association and the West Virginia Library Commission. The Arch Coal Foundation also supports teacher recognition or grant programs in Wyoming, Utah and Colorado, as well as a number of other education-related causes.

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