

## Arch Coal Foundation Recognizes 16 Utah Teachers With Golden Apple Certificates

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HELPER, Utah (April 7, 2009) - Sixteen outstanding classroom teachers in the area were awarded Arch Coal Golden Apple certificates by the Arch Coal Foundation, according to Wess Sorensen, general manger of Skyline mine.

The 2009 Golden Apple recipients are:

Karen Bedont	Lighthouse Life & Learning Center	Price
Terry Steven Bikakis	Mont Harmon Junior High	Price
Victoria Brandt	South Sanpete Young Women Empowerment Center	Manti
Dorothy (Sue) Douglas	Pahvant Elementary School	Richfield
Bradley James Eichelberger	Manti High School	Manti
Layne Ned Hales	San Rafael Junior High School	Ferron
Karen A. Hansen	Gunnison Valley Middle School	Gunnison
Roma Knight	Ashman Elementary School	Richfield
Lori Labrum	Cottonwood Elementary School	Orangeville
Vicki Lynn Rasmussen	Cleveland Elementary School	Cleveland
Daniel Rasmussen	Manti Elementary School	Manti
Tara Syme	North Sanpete Middle School	Moroni
Terri Tubbs	Carbon High School	Price
Gerald Wayman	Manti High School	Manti
Terri Lyn Williams	Salina Elementary	Salina
Cathy Anne Wilson	Helper Junior High	Helper

"These Golden Apple certificate recipients are obviously superior classroom teachers," said Sorensen. "The public should nominate these teachers again next year. The judging was so close that several of the applicants' scores were within a percentage point of the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award recipients."

"The judges, most of them previous recipients of the Teacher Achievement Award, were extremely complimentary of the applications that were received this year," said Sorensen. "Apparently, the judges had a difficult task because of the quality of the applications."

Almost 200 nominations were received from the public this year for the awards. This is the third year for the Arch Coal Foundation's teacher recognition program, which is conducted in Sevier, Sanpete, Emery and Carbon counties. These counties surround the Dugout Canyon, Skyline and Sufco mines, operated by Canyon Fuel Company, a subsidiary of major U.S. coal producer Arch Coal, Inc.

Partners for the program's third year included the Office of Governor Jon Huntsman, Utah State Office of Education, Utah Education Association, Utah School Superintendents Association, Carbon County School District, Emery County School District, Sevier County School District, North Sanpete School District, South Sanpete School District, Far West Bank, radio stations KMTI, KLGL, KMGR, KSVC, KCYQ, KOAL, KARB, KRPX, and both TacoTime and Bookcliff Sales in Price.

The Arch Coal Foundation also is a supporter of teacher recognition or grant programs in West Virginia, Wyoming and Colorado, as well as a number of other education-related causes.

Arch Coal is Utah's largest coal producer and a large, state employer with a workforce of approximately 800. Through all its operations, Arch Coal is one of the nation's largest coal producers. The company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: ACI) and maintains its corporate headquarters in St. Louis, Mo.