

Arch Coal's Golden Apple Achiever Awards Go to 15 Teachers

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Charleston, W.Va. (May 12, 2005) - Fifteen West Virginia teachers today were presented Golden Apple Achiever awards by Arch Coal, Inc., according to John R. Snider, the company's vice president for external affairs, eastern region.

"Earlier this year, Arch Coal honored 12 teachers with its Teacher Achievement Award," said Snider. "Usually, we make 10 achievement awards, but the scoring was so close that 12 awards were made. The 15 teachers we honor today scored within three percentage points of this year's Teacher Achievement Award recipients.

"Arch Coal is pleased to recognize the classroom teaching expertise of so many West Virginia teachers," Snider said.

Barbara Black	West Teays Elementary	Hurricane
Mary Frances Bullard	Mason Dixon Elementary	Blacksville
Sherry Craigo	George Washington Elementary	Eleanor
Amy Dillon	Wayne Middle School	Wayne
Debra Gallaher	Shady Springs High School	Shady Springs
Amy Golden	Conner Street Elementary	Hurricane
Mary Haynes	Crescent Elementary	Beckley
Esther Lauderman	Williamstown Elementary	Williamstown
Joyce Michaels	Frankfort Middle School	Ridgeley
Katy Montgomery	Lewisburg Elementary School	Lewisburg
Joyce Morris	Blackshere Elementary	Mannington
Julia Ann Pauley	Princeton Senior High School	Princeton
Carolyn J. Plachta	North Marion High School	Farmington
Carol Sutphin	Emerson Elementary	Parkersburg
Mary Ann Triplett	Clay Middle School	Clay

"The Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards program is the longest running, privately sponsored teacher recognition program in West Virginia," said Snider. "Our judges, who are former recipients of the award, continue to see imagination, innovation and expertise in the state's classrooms."

The recipients of the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award were announced in March.

Arch Coal is the nation's second largest coal producer and mines clean-burning, low-sulfur coal exclusively. Approximately 2,000 people are employed at Arch's operations in West Virginia. The company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: ACI) and maintains its corporate headquarters in St. Louis. More information about Arch Coal's teacher recognition program may be found on the company's Web site: <http://www.archcoal.com/community/teacherawards.asp>.