

23 West Virginia Teachers Earn Arch Coal 'Golden Apples'

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Charleston, W. Va. (April 10, 2007) - Twenty-three West Virginia classroom teachers have earned Golden Apple awards from the Arch Coal Foundation, according to John R. Snider, Arch Coal, Inc. vice president for external affairs.

Last month, the Arch Coal Foundation gave Teacher Achievement Awards to 12 outstanding West Virginia teachers, Snider reported.

"The teachers receiving the Golden Apple awards are outstanding in every respect and finished closely behind those who received the achievement awards," Snider said. "Our judges - teachers who have received the achievement award in the past - had a very difficult task in determining this year's recipients. There were many superior applications.

"I hope that the Golden Apple recipients will apply again, because they narrowly missed being selected for the achievement awards," Snider said. "It is reassuring to Arch Coal and the business community that West Virginia's children are in good hands in their classrooms. The state is fortunate to have so many talented teachers."

The Golden Apple recipients are:

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| Dinah Adkins | Point Harmony Elementary School | Cross Lanes |
| Karen Arms | Man High School | Man |
| Diana Kay Arthur | Fairview Elementary School | Fairview |
| Kelly Beckett | Franklin Elementary Center | Parkersburg |
| Linda Gayle Boley | Meadow Bridge Elementary | Meadow Bridge |
| Brenda Gayla Bunn | Village of Barboursville Elementary | Barboursville |
| Patricia Cain | Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center | Grantsville |
| Jane Ann Conrad | Brandywine Elementary School | Brandywine |
| Cheryl Cottrill | Parkersburg High School | Parkersburg |
| Helen Virginia Furioli | Wellsburg Middle School | Wellsburg |
| Sarah Twigg Gaughenbaugh | John Marshall High School | Glen Dale |
| Stacy Greer | Woodsdale Elementary School | Wheeling |
| Linda Grose | Elkins High School | Elkins |
| Gene Hovatter | Barbour County Technical Center | Phillipi |
| Beverly Lynne Kibler | Poca High School | Poca |
| Robin Sue McCants | Hedgesville High School | Hedgesville |
| Joyce Michaels | Frankfort Middle School | Ridgeley |
| Greg Minter | Nuttall Middle School | Lookout |
| Debora Lynn Nicholson | Bridgeport High School | Bridgeport |
| Katie Jo Owens | Ritchie County Middle School | Ellenboro |
| Debra Ann Sowards | Scott Teays Elementary School | Scott Depot |
| Jill Stemple | Rock Cave Elementary School | Rock Cave |
| Kathy Swanson | Ashford-Rumble Elementary School | Ashford |

The Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards program is the longest running, privately sponsored teacher recognition program in the state. Teachers are nominated by the public and selected by award-winning teachers. The awards program is supported by the West Virginia Department of Education, the West Virginia Education Association and its West Virginia Foundation for the Improvement of Education, and the West Virginia Library Commission.

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