

25 West Virginia Teachers Earn Arch Coal 'Golden Apples'

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Feb. 18, 2008) – Twenty-five outstanding classroom teachers have earned "Golden Apple" certificates from the Arch Coal Foundation, according to John R. Snider, Arch Coal vice president, external affairs, eastern region.

"These 25 teachers received very high appraisals of their applications for the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award," said Snider. "They are obviously excellent teachers who deserve this honor. We hope that students, parents and colleagues will nominate these teachers again next year.

"The Arch Coal Foundation's teacher recognition program is unique because the public is asked to nominate classroom teachers who demonstrate great professionalism and dedication in their classrooms," Snider said. "The teachers' applications are evaluated by a panel of expert judges, all who are former recipients of the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award.

"Arch Coal and the Arch Coal Foundation appreciate that West Virginia has so many high-performing classroom teachers," Snider said.

The 12 recipients of the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award, the Arch Coal Foundation's highest award, will be made February 27 at a ceremony at the state Capitol. The Arch Coal Foundation's is the longest running, privately sponsored teacher recognition program in West Virginia. More than 400 nominations for the awards were received.

The Golden Apple recipients are:

Jeanine Grace Allen	Buckhannon Academy Elementary	Buckhannon
Maxine Mary Arbogast	Morgantown High School	Morgantown
Diana Benedum	Creed Collins Elementary	Pennsboro
Jane Ann Conrad	Brandywine Elementary	Brandywine
Lee Ann Cumpston	Kanawha Elementary	Davisville
Dina DeCoffee-Perrone	Gerrardstown Elementary	Gerrardstown
Melanie Ann Donofe	Liberty Elementary	Weirton
Erica Sue Drennan	Confidence Elementary	Red House
Amy Suzanne Fletcher	Burch Elementary	Delbarton
Sarah Gaughenbaugh	John Marshall High School	Glen Dale
Brenda Joyce Gibson	Braxton County High School	Sutton
William Gibson	Morgantown High School	Morgantown
Kathy Jones	Creed Collins Elementary	Pennsboro
Melissa Lampinen	Union Elementary School	Buckhannon
Kendi Ann Morris	Beale Elementary	Gallipolis Ferry
Ami Davis Palmer	Clendenin Elementary	Clendenin
JoAnne Larson Persinger	Lewisburg Elementary	Lewisburg
Connie McClung Scarbrough	Ripley High School	Ripley
Lynn Marie Schwallie	Scott Teays Elementary	Scott Depot
Sandra Lee Shaw	Woodrow Wilson High School	Beckley
Raymond L. Singleton	Horace Mann Middle School	Charleston
Janet Butts Sisler	Moorefield Elementary School	Moorefield
Jennifer Lynn Sisson	McKinley Elementary School	Parkersburg
David Reis Stone	Fairplains Elementary	Parkersburg
Mary Wright	Parkersburg High School	Parkersburg

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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