

Arch Coal Foundation Awards 'Golden Apples' to 11 Utah Teachers

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HELPER, Utah, May 18, 2010 -- Eleven area classroom teachers are being awarded Golden Apple Achiever certificates, the Arch Coal Foundation announced.

According to Wess Sorensen, general manager of the Skyline Mine, the recipients of the Golden Apple award scored very high marks in the foundation's recently concluded teacher awards program. Although these teachers did not receive the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award this year, the independent panel of judges felt these teachers deserved special recognition," he said.

This is the fourth year for the Arch Coal Foundation's teacher recognition program in Carbon, Emery, Sanpete and Sevier counties. The counties surround the Skyline, Dugout Canyon and Sufco mines operated by Canyon Fuel Company, a subsidiary of major U.S. coal producer Arch Coal, Inc.

The 2010 Golden Apple Achiever recipients are:

Launa Albrecht	North Sevier High School	Salina
Judy Christensen	North Sevier Middle School	Salina
Carolyn Corral	Manti High School	Manti
Bonny N. Dahlsrud	Salina Elementary	Salina
Karen A. Hansen	Gunnison Valley Middle School	Mayfield
Lori Labrum	Cottonwood Elementary	Orangeville
Katherine G. Milburn	Bruin Point Elementary	Sunnyside
Steven Dee Rowley	Richfield High School	Richfield
Mika Salas	Helper Junior High School	Helper
Rhonda Sorensen	Castle Heights Elementary	Price
JannaKae Wall	Huntington Elementary School	Huntington

The Arch Coal teacher recognition program is unique in that it asks the public to nominate outstanding teachers and then has teachers serve as judges. The judges for the awards this year were all past recipients of the award, Sorensen explained.

Arch Coal has recognized teachers in the four counties for four years now, and we continue to be impressed with the significant number of talented classroom teachers we have in this region," Sorensen said. "Our youth must compete with students across the globe. This area's classroom teachers are making that possible."

Partners for the program include the Office of the Governor, 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, Market Express, radio stations KMTI, KLGL, KMGR, KSVC, KCYQ, KOAL, KARB, KRPX, and both TacoTime and Bookcliff Sales in Price.

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 the nation's second largest coal producer. The company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: ACI) and maintains its corporate headquarters in St. Louis, Mo.