

## 10 Wyoming Teachers Receive Arch Coal's Golden Apple Award

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WRIGHT, Wyo., April 30, 2012 -- Ten Wyoming teachers today were honored with Golden Apple Achiever awards by the Arch Coal Foundation, according to Greg Schaefer, Arch Coal, Inc. vice president, external affairs, western region.

"Earlier this month, the Foundation presented 10 Wyoming classroom educators with its Teacher Achievement Award," said Schaefer. "The Golden Apple Achiever Award is given to teachers who submitted exemplary applications to the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards Program and came close to being honored with the Foundation's major award.

"These teachers are 'stars' in their classrooms, too," said Schaefer. "We count on classroom teachers to educate our children about subject matter and citizenship and to model the benefits of life-long learning. I hope these teachers are again nominated and apply for our Teacher Achievement Award in the next school year."

Teachers receiving Golden Apple Awards were:

Rhonda Bell	Sheridan High School	Sheridan
Donna Compton	Star Valley High School	Afton
Cherylee Dixon	Carey Junior High School	Cheyenne
Paul Fechtmeister	East High School	Cheyenne
Charles Franke	Wheatland Middle School	Wheatland
Renee Hunzie	Kemmerer Elementary School	Diamondville
Chad Lemley	Wind River Elementary District #6	Pavillion
Diane Miller	Natrona County High School	Casper
Brandie Reed	Kelly Walsh High School	Casper
Jenny Simpson	North Elementary School	Lander

The Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards Program is the longest running, privately sponsored, statewide teacher recognition program in Wyoming. Nominations of the teachers are made by the public, and selection is made by a blue-ribbon panel of the teachers' peers, all former recipients of the Arch Coal award. Nominated teachers returned extensive applications that included their philosophy of teaching, reflections on what motivates them to continue to teach, and creative methods they use to achieve results in their classrooms. The judging panel examined and scored applications multiple times.

The Wyoming Department of Education, the Wyoming Education Association, the Wyoming library community, Taco John's and Loaf 'N Jug stores are longstanding supporters of the program. The Arch Coal Foundation also is a supporter of teacher-recognition and grant programs in West Virginia, Utah and Colorado, as well as a number of other education-related causes.

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