

18 West Virginia Teachers Receive Arch Coal Golden Apple Award

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CHARLESTON, W.Va., March 16, 2010 -- Eighteen West Virginia classroom teachers have been named recipients of the Arch Coal Foundation Golden Apple award, according to John Snider, Arch Coal, Inc. vice president for external affairs, eastern region.

"These 18 teachers are among West Virginia's most talented and professional educators," said Snider. "They ranked very well in the judging for the foundation's highest award, the Teacher Achievement Award. All were within just a couple of percentage points - and some less than a single percentage point - from receiving the achievement award."

Teachers are nominated by the public. The program's judges are past recipients of the Teacher Achievement Award. The Arch Coal Foundation announced its Teacher Achievement Award recipients, made to 12 outstanding West Virginia classroom teachers, earlier this month.

"We encourage these Golden Apple recipients to apply again next year," Snider said.

The 2010 Golden Apple recipients are:

Maxine Arbogast	Morgantown High School	Morgantown
Laura Beth Atkins	Little Birch Elementary	Little Birch
Tabatha Beall	Gilmer County High School	Glenville
Loren F. Berry	Madison Middle School	Madison
Carrie Browning	Omar Elementary	Omar
Debra L. Conover	East Fairmont Junior High	Fairmont
Mary Beth Cook	Summersville Middle	Summersville
James L. Dennis	Parkersburg South High School	Parkersburg
Terry J. Hickle	Parkersburg High School	Parkersburg
Kenneth Eugene Johnson	Webster County High School	Upperglade
Pamela Kay Kessler	Fellowsville Elementary	Tunnelton
Sandra Laird	Emerson Elementary	Parkersburg
Alisa F. Lemley	Buckhannon-Upshur High School	Buckhannon
Gwyn Michelle Linger	Buckhannon Academy Elementary	Buckhannon
Lynn M. Schwallie	Scott Teays Elementary	Scott Depot
Rebecca H. Severino	Beverly Elementary School	Beverly
Anne Smith	Green Bank Elementary/Middle	Green Bank
Frances L. Tolley	Hurricane High School	Hurricane

The teacher recognition awards are underwritten by the Arch Coal Foundation and supported in program-promotion by the West Virginia Department of Education, the WVEA and the West Virginia Library Commission. The Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards is the longest running, privately sponsored teacher-recognition program in the state.

The Arch Coal Foundation also supports teacher-recognition or grant programs in Wyoming, Utah and Colorado, as well as a number of other education-related causes.

Arch Coal is the nation's second largest coal producer. Through its national network of mines, Arch supplies the fuel for approximately 8 percent of the electricity generated in the United States. In West Virginia, Arch Coal subsidiaries operate the Mountain Laurel and Coal-Mac complexes. The company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: ACI) and maintains its corporate headquarters in St. Louis, Mo.