

## Nine Utah Teachers Receive Arch Coal Foundation's Golden Apple Award

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PRICE, Utah, May 17, 2012 -- Nine area teachers were presented Golden Apple Achiever Awards today by the Arch Coal Foundation, according to Erwin Sass, general manager of the Dugout Canyon Mine.

Teachers receiving Golden Apple Achiever Awards were:

Paul Allred	North Sanpete High School	Mt. Pleasant
Camille Carlson	Carbon High School	Price
Laurel Coburn	Manti Elementary	Manti
Jessica Jones	North Sevier Middle School	Salina
Elizabeth Mason	Salina Elementary	Salina
Josie Roberts	Ephraim Elementary	Ephraim
AnnaLee Sorensen	Creekview Elementary	Price
Tara Syme	North Sanpete Middle School	Moroni
JanaKae Wall	Huntington Elementary	Huntington

The Arch Coal Foundation's teacher recognition program is available to classroom teachers 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 Golden Apple Achiever Awards are part of the Arch Coal Foundation's Teacher Achievement Award program, in which educators are nominated by members of the public and selected by a panel of previous award winners. Golden Apple Award recipients earned "finalist" status in the program, distinguishing them as the top tier of the 2012 nominees along with those ultimately chosen as 2012 Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award recipients.

"The Golden Apple Achiever Award is presented to world-class teachers who make us proud of our area and its educators," Sass said. "Excellence in the classroom is the foundation of a strong future, and these teachers are building that foundation every day."

The Arch Coal Foundation honors teachers annually. The public is encouraged to nominate excellent classroom teachers, including past Golden Apple Award winners, for the 2013 Teacher Achievement Award program this fall.

Partners for the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement/Golden Apple Achiever Awards program in Utah 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, AmericanWest Bank, Market Express, radio stations KMTI, KLGL, KMGR, KSVC, KCYQ, KOAL, KARB, KRPX, and both TacoTime and Bookcliff Sales in Price.

The Arch Coal Foundation also is the sponsor of the Utah Education Association's statewide Teaching Excellence Awards.

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