Arch Coal Foundation Honors 13 Wyoming Teachers with Golden Apple Awards Certificates

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WRIGHT, Wyo., May 21, 2013 - The Arch Coal Foundation honored 13 Wyoming classroom teachers today with Golden Apple Awards certificates.

The Golden Apple Awards are part of the Arch Coal Foundation's Teacher Achievement Awards program, which honored 10 outstanding Wyoming teachers earlier this month. Golden Apple Award recipients earned finalist status in the program, distinguishing them as the top tier of the 2013 nominees along with those recognized as Teacher Achievement Award recipients.

"Arch Coal is proud to recognize these exceptional teachers and their contributions to the success of Wyoming's students," said Greg Schaefer, vice president of external affairs for Arch Coal. "We salute these Golden Apple recipients for their dedication to classroom teaching excellence."

Educators are nominated for the awards by members of the public and selected by a panel of previous award winners. Honorees receive certificates of achievement.

Teachers receiving Golden Apple Awards are:

Ann Bayless	Expedition Academy	Green River
Nancy Brumsted	Jackson Hole Middle School	Jackson Hole
Sarah Glasser	Wright Junior Senior High School	Wright
Chad Lemley	Windriver Elementary School	Pavillion
Kim Leudde	Cody Middle School	Cody
Michael Mahoney	Sage Valley Junior High School	Gillette
Christine McCarrick	Slade Elementary School	Laramie
Gerri Moore	Sundance Elementary School	Sundance
Ann Powers	Tongue River Middle School	Ranchester
Jody Rakness	Worland Middle School	Worland
Heidi Richins	Sheridan High School	Sheridan
Caleb Sanders	Lovell High School	Lovell
Carl Warembourg	Pinedale High School	Pinedale

This is the 13th year that Teacher Achievement Awards have been presented in Wyoming. It is the longest-running privately funded teacher recognition program in the state.

The Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards are underwritten by the Arch Coal Foundation in partnership with the Wyoming Department of Education, the Wyoming Education Association, the Wyoming library community, Taco John's and Loaf 'N Jug stores.

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

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