

Eleven High School Graduates Chosen As Arch Coal Scholars; College Scholarship Program Celebrates 20 Years

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ST. LOUIS (May 18, 2009) - The Arch Coal Foundation today announced that 11 recent high school graduates have been chosen as 2009 Arch Coal Scholars. The Arch Coal Scholars program honors outstanding scholastic achievement by the children of employees of Arch Coal, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

To celebrate the 20th year of the Scholars program, the Arch Coal Foundation increased the annual scholarship to \$2,000 - an increase of 25 percent - for each scholar to apply to an accredited college or university for up to four years.

"Arch Coal is pleased to have the opportunity to honor such an outstanding group of graduates," said Steven F. Leer, Arch Coal's chairman and chief executive officer. "These young scholars have distinguished themselves both inside and outside the classroom. They were chosen from a very impressive group of applicants, and they are to be commended for their accomplishments."

This year's Arch Coal Scholars are:

Andrew Astin	Son of Steve and Tami Astin	Delta, Colo.
Cassity Clayton	Daughter of Jay Clayton and John and Caroline Black	Gunnison, Utah
Nicole Diedrich	Daughter of John and Sheryl Diedrich	Spearfish, S.D.
Christopher Evans	Son of James and Judy Evans	Verdunville, W.Va.
LaTonya Everly	Daughter of Terry and Wanda Everly	Mayking, Ky.
Jeremy Garlick	Son of Robert and Janeen Garlick	Fairview, Utah
Zachary Holcomb	Son of Thurman and Deborah Holcomb	Big Stone Gap, Va.
Denna Lawrence	Daughter of Dennis and Diana Lawrence	Wright, Wyo.
Emily Moore	Daughter of Bob and Janet Moore	Gillette, Wyo.
Lateisha Shepherd	Daughter of David and Linda Shepherd	Levan, Utah
Laura Szczepan	Daughter of Greg and Kim Szczepan	Fenton, Mo.

Arch Coal Scholars are selected on the basis of academic record, potential to succeed, leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, a statement of educational and career goals, work experience and an outside appraisal.

This year's top Arch Coal Scholar, Andrew Astin, received the Kendra Bradley Washburn Memorial Scholarship. Astin was student body president, vice president of the National Honor Society, president of the Key Club and Western Slope League 3A All-Conference football player at Delta High School, Delta, Colo. He will attend the University of Colorado this fall, where he plans to major in integrative physiology.

"We consider the scholarship program a wise investment in America's future," added Leer. "We are pleased and proud to assist some of the best and brightest students in Arch's extended family as they pursue their future goals."

Scholarship America, the nation's largest private sector scholarship and educational support organization, administers all aspects of the scholarship competition for Arch Coal, including the independent selection process.

Arch Coal is a long-time supporter of educational excellence. Since its inception in 1989, the Arch Coal Scholars program has provided four-year scholarships to more than 200 new high school graduates. Arch Coal also supports teaching excellence through its annual Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards program in West Virginia, Wyoming, and Utah and through an innovative teaching grants program in Delta County, Colo.

Arch Coal is one of the nation's largest coal producers. Through its subsidiary operations in West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia,

Wyoming, Colorado and Utah, Arch Coal provides the fuel for approximately 6 percent of the electricity generated in the United States. The company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: ACI) and maintains its corporate headquarters in St. Louis, Mo.