

## Ten Utah Teachers Receive 'Golden Apples' from Arch Coal

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WELLINGTON, UT (May 18, 2007) - Ten Utah teachers are receiving 'Golden Apple' certificates from the Arch Coal Foundation, according to Erwin Sass, general manager of Dugout Canyon mine.

Sass said these 10 teachers scored very high marks in the 2006-2007 Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards program.

"These teachers came very close to receiving the Teacher Achievement Award," said Sass. "The Golden Apple certificates recognize the strength of the teachers' applications and encourage these fine teachers to apply again next year. Our judges, a blue ribbon panel of their peers, have told us that the scoring was very, very close and that it was difficult to choose just five for the Teacher Achievement Award."

### The 10 Golden Apple recipients are:

Gloria Albrecht	Monroe Elementary School	Monroe
Jill Anderson	North Sevier Middle School	Salina
Jodi Anderson	Gunnison Valley Elementary School	Gunnison
Karen Bedont	Lighthouse Learning Center	Price
Terry Bikakis	Mont Harmon Junior High School	Price
Phyllis Oliveto Cox	Carbon High School	Price
Paula Espinoza-Wells	Pinnacle Canyon Academy	Price
Anna Lee Sorenson	Creekview Elementary	Price
Mark Alan Stuckenschneider	Pinnacle Canyon Academy	Price
Cathy Wilson	Helper Jr. HS/Youth in Custody	Price

This was the first year for the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards program in Utah. The program, sponsored by the Arch Coal Foundation, provides \$2,500 personal, cash awards to five classroom teachers who work in Carbon, Emery, Sanpete and Sevier counties. Arch Coal owns the Sufco, Skyline and Dugout Canyon mines in the area.

The program features public nomination and peer selection, according to Sass. "In this way, students, parents, teachers - anyone - may nominate an outstanding teacher. Then, the teachers' applications are judged by other teachers. This makes the Arch Coal program unique among teacher recognition programs."

More than 150 nominations were received this year. The program will begin again this fall at the start of the next school year.

Arch Coal is Utah's largest coal producer and a large, state employer with a combined workforce of approximately 800 from its Dugout Canyon, Sufco and Skyline mines. Through its national network of mines, Arch Coal is one of the nation's largest coal producers. The company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: ACI) and maintains its corporate headquarters in St. Louis, Mo.