Nine West Virginia Teachers Named Arch Coal Golden Apple Achievers

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Charleston, W.Va. (May 23, 2002) – Today, nine West Virginia teachers received "Golden Apple Achievers" recognition from Arch Coal, according to John R. Snider, the company's vice president for external affairs, eastern region.

"In our teacher achievement awards program, in which the recipients were announced April 30, we noted that the competition was especially fierce. Only tenths of a point separated our Teacher Achievement Award recipients from these Golden Apple Achievers," Snider said. "This further indicates to us that West Virginia has many excellent classroom teachers who deserve special recognition."

The following teachers received "Golden Apple Achievers" certificates:

Denise Ann Arthur Title I Reading Malden Elementary Charleston Robert C. Byrd High School Beverly Ann Baer Special Education Clarksburg Monica Ann Beane English Braxton County Middle School Sutton Cynthia Handy Coulson Music Scott Teays Elementary Scott Depot Bruce Lynn Ensinger Music New Martinsville New Martinsville Kathy Jo Graley Sixth Grade Kenna Elementary Charleston Karen Ann Moore History Williamson High School Williamson Beverly F. Nadenbousch Second Grade Winchester Ave. Elementary Martinsburg Janice G. Woodward First Grade Brushfork Elementary Bluefield

"We hope that these teachers, who were so close to receiving our top award, will be nominated and compete again next year," Snider said.

Arch Coal was supported by the West Virginia Department of Education, the West Virginia Education Association, and Speedway in promoting the teacher recognition program. Arch Coal's teacher awards program is one of the longest running in the state.

Arch Coal is the nation's second largest coal producer and a supplier of clean-burning, low-sulfur coal exclusively. Nearly 2,000 people are employed at Arch's operations in West Virginia. The company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: ACI) and maintains its corporate headquarters in St. Louis.