

## **Arch Coal Teacher Award Recipient Establishes Scholarship Fund**

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Newcastle, Wyo. (Aug. 26, 2004) - When Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award recipient Terri L. Cooper returned to Newcastle Middle School following her receipt of the prestigious award, she was greeted by students, signs and banners. Later that same morning, a special assembly was held, with the entire school in attendance, to further congratulate her.

At the time, no one -- not the students, her colleagues or the school administrators -- knew that Cooper had special plans for some of her \$2,500 cash award from Arch Coal: scholarship money for students who exhibited good citizenship.

Cooper is especially interested in promoting character education. It is one of her central focuses in her education career, she says. She has been instrumental in the establishment of "Character Counts" in her school. "Character Counts" is a school-wide classroom management program that focuses on the character traits of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

"Good character is essential to the well-being of the 'entire' student and to society as a whole," says Cooper. "I was very pleased to make \$50 Savings Bond awards to three very deserving eighth grade students at Newcastle Middle School." The scholarships are named "Together We Learn with Character" scholarships, she notes, explaining that the "TLC" scholarships also are the initials of her name.

The first three recipients of the TLC scholarships are Orin Hutchinson and Juliann Terry from Newcastle and Lindsey Branscom from Osage. All three will attend high school this year.

Cooper teaches computers and careers at the middle school.

The Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards program will begin its fifth year in Wyoming with the start of the new school year. Nominations will be available in schools, in Taco John's and MiniMart locations, and may be made on the Internet at <http://www.archteacherawards.com>.

Arch Coal is the nation's second largest coal producer and employs approximately 850 people in Wyoming. In 2003, Arch Coal's Wyoming operations produced nearly 90 million tons of clean-burning, low-sulfur coal. The company's Black Thunder operation in Campbell County is one of the nation's largest and most efficient coal mines. Arch Coal is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: ACI) and maintains its corporate headquarters in St. Louis, Mo.