

14 Wyoming Teachers Receive Arch Coal Golden Apple Awards

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WRIGHT, Wyo. (April 6, 2009) - Fourteen Wyoming classroom teachers have earned Golden Apple awards from the Arch Coal Foundation, according to Greg Schaefer, Arch Coal, Inc. vice president for external affairs, western region.

The Arch Coal Foundation will announce its annual Teacher Achievement Awards, made to 10 outstanding Wyoming classroom teachers, on April 29, Schaefer said.

"The 14 teachers who are receiving the Golden Apple awards are some of Wyoming's most professional educators. They finished very highly in our judging," said Schaefer. "In fact, all were within just a couple of percentage points - and some less than a single percentage point - from becoming a recipient of our major award, the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award.

"The judges, all former recipients of the achievement award, indicated that the number of outstanding applications made the judging process extremely difficult. They hope, as does the Arch Coal Foundation, that these Golden Apple recipients will apply again next year," Schaefer said.

The 2009 Golden Apple recipients are:

Leah Andren	Valley School	Cody
Teresa Dawn Aris-Bocanegra	Deming Elementary	Cheyenne
Brock Burch	Natrona County High School	Casper
Angela Foley	Wapiti Elementary	Cody
Tracy Lynn Giesenhausen	Washington Elementary School	Green River
Mary Johnson	Dean Morgan Junior High	Casper
Kristen Kimery	Sunflower Elementary	Gillette
Lyniece McKim	Star Valley High School	Afton
Donna Perrin	Star Valley High School	Afton
Lyndee Swanson	Anderson Elementary	Cheyenne
Connie Thomas	Libbey Elementary	Wheatland
Jaci Titchener	Buffalo Ridge Elementary	Cheyenne
LeAnn Eileen Uhling	Saratoga Elementary	Saratoga
Craig Williams	Laramie County School District #2	Pine Bluffs

The Wyoming Department of Education, Wyoming Education Association, Wyoming library community, Taco John's and Loaf 'N Jug stores assisted the Arch Coal Foundation in promoting the program.

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

Arch Coal is one of the nation's largest coal producers, and its Thunder Basin Coal Company subsidiary employs more than 1,200 people in Wyoming. Thunder Basin's Black Thunder and Coal Creek mines sold 100 million tons of cleaner-burning, low-sulfur coal in 2008. Arch Coal is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: ACI) and maintains its corporate headquarters in St. Louis, Mo.