

West Virginia Teachers Honored with 2015 Arch Coal Golden Apple Awards

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CHARLESTON, W.Va., April 13, 2015 – The Arch Coal Foundation presented 17 West Virginia teachers today with its Golden Apple Award.

The Golden Apple Awards are part of the Arch Coal Foundation's teacher recognition program, which recently honored 12 outstanding West Virginia classroom teachers with its highest award – the Teacher Achievement Award. Golden Apple Award recipients earned finalist status in the program, distinguishing them as being in the top tier of the 2015 nominees.

"These standout teachers challenge their students to learn at the highest levels, and then teach them how to succeed," said Russ Lorince, vice president of external affairs for Arch Coal. "The judges, all past recipients of the Teacher Achievement Award, had a very difficult time this year determining the 12 top recipients because of the quality of the applications. The teachers we honor today are outstanding, and we hope they are nominated and compete again next year."

Teachers are nominated for the Arch Coal awards by the public. The program is 27 years old and is West Virginia's longest-running, privately sponsored teacher recognition program.

Teachers receiving Golden Apple Awards are:

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| Tina Akers | Henry J. Kaiser Elementary School | Ravenswood |
| Jim Bidwell | Grafton High School | Grafton |
| Connie Bowers | Madison Elementary School | Parkersburg |
| Eric Brand | Nutter Fort Primary School | Clarksburg |
| Aleta Crotty | Mercer Elementary School | Princeton |
| Helen Durgin | George Washington Elementary School | Eleanor |
| Joshua Fix | Charleston Catholic High School | Charleston |
| Jessica Hartman | Union Educational Complex | Mt. Storm |
| Mary Hovatter | Belington Middle School | Belington |
| Mary Jo Jividen | George Washington Elementary School | Eleanor |
| Erika Klose | Winfield Middle School | Winfield |
| Beth Lyons | Hedgesville Elementary School | Hedgesville |
| Charity Marstiller | Wildwood Middle School | Shenandoah Junction |
| Rhonda Ritchie | Henry J. Kaiser Elementary School | Ravenswood |
| Sheila Ruddle | Pendleton County Middle School | Franklin |
| MeriBeth Underwood | Woodrow Wilson High School | Beckley |
| Catherine Weber | Hite-Saunders Elementary School | Huntington |

The Teacher Achievement Awards are underwritten by the Arch Coal Foundation and are supported in program promotion by the West Virginia Department of Education, the West Virginia Education Association and the West Virginia Library Commission. Arch Coal and the Arch Coal Foundation have a long history of supporting educational and community causes in West Virginia. The Arch Coal Foundation also supports teacher recognition or grants programs in Wyoming and Colorado, as well as a number of other education-related causes.

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