

Arch Coal Foundation Honors 17 West Virginia Teachers with Golden Apple Awards

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CHARLESTON, W.Va., April 10, 2013 -- The Arch Coal Foundation honored 17 West Virginia teachers today with Golden Apple Awards.

The Golden Apple Awards are part of the Arch Coal Foundation's Teacher Achievement Award program, which honored 12 outstanding West Virginia teachers in March. Golden Apple Award recipients earned finalist status in the program, distinguishing them as the top tier of the 2013 nominees along with those recognized as Teacher Achievement Award winners.

"Arch Coal is proud to recognize these world-class teachers and their contributions to the success of West Virginia students," said Russ Lorince, vice president of external affairs for Arch Coal. "We salute these 17 Golden Apple recipients for their dedication to classroom teaching excellence."

Educators are nominated for the Arch Coal awards by members of the public and selected by a panel of previous award winners. Honorees receive a certificate of achievement.

Teachers receiving Golden Apple Awards are:

Carly Audet	Cheat Lake Elementary School	Morgantown
Kristi Barker	Confidence Elementary School	Red House
Jamie Blake	Blue Ridge Primary School	Harpers Ferry
Billie Jo Brooks	Lumberport Middle School	Lumberport
Kelly Buckner	DuPont Middle School	Belle
Pamela Bush	Logan Middle School	Logan
Angela L. Culicerto	Park Middle School	Beckley
Stacy Greer	Woodsdale Elementary School	Wheeling
Robert Johnson	Fred W. Eberle Technical Center	Buckhannon
Jessica Linville	Logan Middle School	Logan
Amy McElroy	Huntington High School	Huntington
Valeria Lynn Mullins	Dixie Elementary School	Dixie
Josie Plachta	North Marion High School	Farmington
Amanda Poole	Glenville Elementary School	Glenville
Ashley Shaw	Montcalm Elementary School	Rock
Blanca Skaggs	Taylor County Middle School	Grafton
Sharon Walton	Washington District Elementary School	Buckhannon

This is the 25th year that Teacher Achievement Awards have been presented in West Virginia. It is the longest-running privately funded teacher recognition program in the state. The Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards are underwritten by the Arch Coal Foundation in partnership with the West Virginia Department of Education, the West Virginia Education Association and the West Virginia Library Commission. The Arch Coal Foundation also supports teacher recognition or grants programs in Wyoming, Utah and Colorado, as well as a number of other education-related causes.

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