

31 Wyoming Teachers Receive Arch Coal Golden Apple Achiever Awards

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Wright, Wyo. (May 13, 2003) -- Arch Coal, Inc. today presented its "Golden Apple Achiever" awards to 31 Wyoming classroom teachers, according to Greg Schaefer, the company's vice president for external affairs, western region.

"How good are Wyoming's classroom teachers?" said Schaefer. "They're among the very best in the nation. In conjunction with naming this year's top 10 Teacher Achievement Award recipients, we name the recipients of the Golden Apple Achiever Awards. In this way, we can acknowledge those teachers who had excellent applications, but barely missed receiving the top awards."

Recipients of the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award were announced last month.

Teachers receiving Golden Apple Awards are:

Pat Bacon	North Casper School	Casper
Bruce Berst	Natrona County High School	Casper
Melanie Boyes	CY Junior High	Casper
Katharine Brockman	Triumph High, GED at County Jail	Cheyenne
Paul Crips	Carey Jr. High	Cheyenne
Maria Foster	Afflerbach	Cheyenne
Tina Fostmeier	Mountain View	Casper
Deb French	Wagonwheel Elementary	Gillette
Janet Gronski	Anderson Elementary School	Cheyenne
Cindy Hilts	Wyoming Indian Elementary	Ethete
Jim Home	Kelly Walsh High School	Casper
Renee Hunzie	Kemmerer Elementary School	Kemmerer
Tamra Jackson	Cody High School	Cody
Kathy Kintz	Sunflower Elementary	Gillette
Jeanne Konicek	Hudson Elementary	Hudson
Patrick Lane	Jessup Elementary	Cheyenne
Jill Langer	Highland Park Elementary	Sheridan
Joseph Lewis	Rock Springs East Junior High School	Rock Springs
Barbara Maguire	Park Elementary	Casper
Cathy McAtee	Elk Mountain	Elk Mountain
Karen S. McLean	Rock Springs High School	Rock Springs
Susan Miller	Boggs Elementary	Cheyenne
Melanie Neely	Livingston School	Cody
Cindy Nunley	West Elementary	Lander
Sandra Olsen	Pronghorn Elementary School	Gillette
Joseph Profaizer	Walnut Elementary	Rock Springs
Virginia Scott	Tongue River High School	Dayton
Kaoru Slotsve	Kelly Walsh High School	Casper
Ernest Smith	Centennial Jr. High School	Casper
Jeanie VanHuele	St. Margaret's	Riverton
Beverly Walker	Pinedale Elementary	Pinedale

"The Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards program, now having completed its third year, is unique because the public nominates those it feels are the best teachers in the state and then other teachers make the selections," Schaefer explained. "Most of our judges were former recipients of the award. They judged the applications very strictly and still had a significant number of applicants who scored highly."

Arch Coal is the nation's second largest coal producer and employs about 600 people in Wyoming. Arch produces more than 65 million tons of clean-burning, low-sulfur coal annually at its Wyoming operations. 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.

Arch Coal received support in promoting the awards from the Wyoming Department of Education, the Wyoming

Education Association, Taco John's and MiniMart.

Both the Teacher Achievement Awards and the Golden Apple Achiever Awards recipients are listed in the Community Section of the Arch Coal Web site.