

14 Wyoming Teachers Receive 2015 Arch Coal Golden Apple Awards Certificates

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WRIGHT, Wyo., May 11, 2015 – Golden Apple Awards certificates were presented to 14 outstanding classroom teachers today by the Arch Coal Foundation.

The Golden Apple Awards are part of the Arch Coal Foundation's teacher recognition program, which recently honored 10 superior Wyoming teachers with its highest award – the Teacher Achievement Award. Golden Apple recipients earned finalist status in the program, distinguishing them among the top tier of the 2015 nominees.

"Wyoming is fortunate to have many classroom teachers who are professional, caring and innovative," said Keith Williams, president of Thunder Basin Coal Company and group president, western operations, for Arch Coal. "Our judges said the scoring this year was among the very highest in the past several years. It reaffirms our belief that the children of our state are in good hands in their classrooms."

Teachers are nominated for the Arch Coal awards by the public and judges are past recipients of the Teacher Achievement Award. This is the 15th year for the awards in Wyoming.

Teachers receiving Golden Apple Awards certificates are:

Brittany Andrews	Northpark Elementary School	Rock Springs
Darla Busboom	Douglas High School	Douglas
Dr. Jeana Byrne	Pioneer Park Elementary School	Cheyenne
Donna Crandall	Pine Bluffs Junior/Senior High School	Pine Bluffs
Arlie Davis	Newcastle High School	Newcastle
Michelle Hardsocg	Buffalo Ridge Elementary School	Cheyenne
Andrea Hayden	Spring Creek Elementary School	Laramie
London Jenks	Hot Springs County High School	Thermopolis
Carmyn Lubken	Sunflower Elementary School	Gillette
Kim Luedde	Cody Middle School	Cody
Kathy Montgomery	Carey Junior High School	Cheyenne
Katie Moore	Indian Paintbrush Elementary School	Laramie
Natalie Prosenick	Cottonwood Elementary School	Wright
Laurie Vredenburg	Parkside Elementary School	Powell

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

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