

19 Wyoming Teachers Awarded 'Golden Apple' Certificates by Arch Coal Foundation

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WRIGHT, Wyo. (April 15, 2008) - Nineteen Wyoming classroom teachers have earned 'Golden Apple' certificates from the Arch Coal Foundation, according to Greg Schaefer, Arch Coal's vice president of external affairs, western region.

Polly Ann Beebout	CY Junior High	Casper
Toni Marie Billings	Sagewood Elementary	Casper
James David Coca	Wagonwheel School	Gillette
Kristin Michelle Cortney	Indian Paintbrush Elementary	Laramie
Tyson James Emborg	Sheridan High School	Sheridan
Brenda Graham Gray	Overland Elementary	Rock Springs
Kerry Kaye Hood	Pioneer Park Elementary	Cheyenne
Debbie McCullar	Dean Morgan Junior High	Casper
Donna Marie Perrin	Star Valley High School	Afton
Stephanie Jo Player	Mountain View High School	Mountain View
Carl Raymond Romanowski	Rock Springs Elementary	Rock Springs
Theresa Jo Rowland	Sheridan High School	Sheridan
Lisa Marie Sexton	Oregon Trail Elementary	Casper
Mary Teresa Smiley	Coffeen Elementary	Sheridan
Kathy Jane Stephens	Hillcrest Elementary	Gillette
Richard B. Stonehouse	Cody High School	Cody
LeAnn Eileen Uhling	Saratoga Elementary	Saratoga
Theodore Kirk Wambeke	Eastside Elementary School	Cody
Grace E. Williams	Moorcraft Elementary	Moorcraft

"More than 400 Wyoming teachers were nominated by the public for the Arch Coal teacher recognition awards," said Schaefer. "The judging was conducted by a blue ribbon panel of the teachers' peers - past recipients of the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award.

"While these 19 teachers did not receive the foundation's highest award, they scored incredibly well on their applications," Schaefer explained. "In some cases, the teachers who received the Golden Apple certificate were less than a percentage point away from receiving the achievement award.

"These Golden Apple certificate recipients are obviously excellent educators who bring a love of learning to their classrooms every day. Each one deserves to be nominated again next year," said Schaefer.

Schaefer said the Arch Coal Foundation expects to name the 10 recipients of the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award, which comes with a \$2,500 personal, cash award on May 6.

This is the eighth year the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards will be made in Wyoming. The program is supported by the Department of Education, the Wyoming Education Association, Taco John's, Loaf 'n Jug, and the Wyoming library community.

Arch Coal, Inc. (NYSE:ACI) is one of the nation's largest coal producers. Arch Coal's subsidiary, Thunder Basin Coal Company, employs more than 1,200 people in Wyoming at its Black Thunder and Coal Creek mines. Thunder Basin sells more than 90 million tons of cleaner-burning, low-sulfur Powder River Basin coal on an annual basis.