

24 West Virginia Teachers Earn Arch Coal Golden Apple Awards

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. (May 5, 2009) - Twenty four outstanding classroom teachers earned 2009 Golden Apple Awards certificates from the Arch Coal Foundation, according to John R. Snider, Arch Coal vice president, external affairs, eastern region.

"The applications from Golden Apple Awards recipients received very high marks from the program's judges," said Snider. "Their scores were very close to those of the 12 recipients of the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award, which is the Arch Coal Foundation's highest honor. We hope these excellent classroom teachers are nominated again next year."

Recipients of the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards were announced last month. Their names are posted on the Arch Coal Web site: <http://news.archcoal.com/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=377710>.

The 2009 Golden Apple Award certificate recipients are:

Julie Alderman	Chapmanville Middle School	Chapmanville
Maxine Mary Arbogast	Morgantown High School	Morgantown
Karen Arms	Man High School	Man
Carrie Browning	Omar Elementary School	Omar
Anna Jean Carpenter	Webster County High School	Upperglade
Janis Clark	Holden Grade School	Holden
Patsy Diane Crisel	Buffalo Elementary School	Kenova
Rebecca Curry	Athens School	Athens
Dina DeCoffee-Perrone	Gerrardstown Elementary School	Gerrardstown
James Dennis	Parkersburg South High School	Parkersburg
Melanie Donofe	Liberty Elementary School	Weirton
Brenda Joyce Gibson	Braxton County High School	Sutton
Carol Ann Hamilton	Spring Hills Middle School	Martinsburg
Michael Allen Hays	Mannington Middle School	Mannington
Terry Hickle	Parkersburg High School	Parkersburg
Edwinna Howard-Jack	Buckhannon-Upshur High School	Buckhannon
Sandra Laird	Emerson Elementary School	Parkersburg
Alisa Lemley	Buckhannon-Upshur High School	Buckhannon
Amy Martin Loftis	Alban Elementary School	St. Albans
Charles Thomas McClain	James Ramsey Technical Institute	Martinsburg
Connie Scarbrough	Ripley High School	Ripley
Lynn Marie Schwallie	Scott Teays Elementary School	Scott Depot
Debbie Sowards	Scott Teays Elementary School	Scott Depot

"This is the oldest, privately sponsored teacher recognition program in the state," Snider said. "We are very pleased that the public continues to recognize the importance of teaching excellence and nominates hundreds of teachers every year for these awards. It is apparent that West Virginia has a cadre of very professional, dedicated classroom teachers."

The awards program is supported by the West Virginia Department of Education, the West Virginia Education Association and its West Virginia Foundation for the Improvement of Education, and the West Virginia Library Commission.

Arch Coal is one of the nation's largest coal producers. Through its national network of mines, Arch supplies the fuel for approximately 6 percent of the electricity generated in the United States. In West Virginia, Arch Coal subsidiaries operate the Mountain Laurel and Coal-Mac operations. The company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: ACI) and