

Arch Coal Golden Apple Achiever Awards Presented to 12 West Virginia Teachers

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Charleston, W.Va.. (April 13, 2006) – Twelve West Virginia teachers today were named recipients of the Arch Coal, Inc. Golden Apple Achiever Award, according to John Snider, the company's vice president for external affairs, eastern region.

"The Golden Apple Achiever Award is presented to teachers who submitted exemplary applications in Arch Coal's Teacher Achievement Awards program," said Snider. "Our panel of judges can only select a dozen recipients for our Teacher Achievement Awards each year. Today's Golden Apple Achievers were literally next in line, many scoring less than a half a percentage point from our major award.

"We felt these talented and dedicated educators deserve special recognition, too," said Snider. "I hope that each of these teachers will be nominated again this fall, so they can be considered for Arch Coal's 2007 Teacher Achievement Awards. West Virginia is fortunate to have so many gifted teachers."

Teachers receiving Golden Apple Awards are:

Shana Allen	Tygarts Valley Middle School	Mill Creek
Linda Boley	Meadow Bridge Elementary School	Meadow Bridge
Robert J. Campione II	Morgantown High School	Morgantown
Patricia Cain	Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center	Grantsville
Lisa Clutter	Diana Elementary	Diana
Sara Gaughenbaugh	John Marshall High School	Glen Dale
Deborah Gallaher	Shady Spring High School	Shady Spring
Joyce Michaels	Frankfort Middle School	Ridgeley
Patricia Morgan	Morgantown Learning Academy	Morgantown
Tamara Musil	Big Elm Elementary	Shinnston
Kathy Swanson	Ashford-Rumble Elementary	Ashford
Michele Vickers	Dixie Elementary School	Dixie

Snider said having peers – other teachers – judge the applications also sets the Arch Coal recognition program apart from others. "Teachers can best judge the abilities of other teachers," said Snider. "Our judges are very demanding when they review their colleagues' applications, requiring adherence to the very highest standards."

The Arch Coal teacher recognition program is the longest running, privately sponsored program of its type in the state. Almost 400 nominations were made by the public during this school year.

Arch Coal is supported by the West Virginia Department of Education, the West Virginia Education Association and the West Virginia Library Commission in program promotion.

Arch Coal is the nation's second largest coal producer and mines clean-burning, low-sulfur coal exclusively. The company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: ACI) and maintains its corporate headquarters in St. Louis, Mo.