

West Virginia Teachers Honored with 2014 Arch Coal Golden Apple Awards

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CHARLESTON, W.Va., April 16, 2014 – The Arch Coal Foundation presented 11 West Virginia teachers today with its Golden Apple Award.

The Golden Apple Awards are part of the Arch Coal Foundation's teacher recognition program, which recently honored 12 outstanding West Virginia classroom teachers with its highest award – the Teacher Achievement Award. Golden Apple Award recipients earned finalist status in the program, distinguishing them as being in the top tier of the 2014 nominees.

"Arch Coal is proud to salute these excellent classroom teachers, who not only teach, but also counsel, inspire and enable their students to achieve at high levels," said Russ Lorince, vice president of external affairs for Arch Coal. "We appreciate these Golden Apple recipients' professionalism, dedication and high standards."

Teachers are nominated for the Arch Coal awards by the public and selected by a panel of previous award winners. The awards have honored star educators for 26 years and serve as West Virginia's longest-running, privately sponsored teacher recognition program.

Teachers receiving Golden Apple Awards are:

Rachel Cunningham	Union Elementary School	Buckhannon
Katie Dantrassy	Sherrard Middle School	Wheeling
Suzanne Davidson	Hooverson Heights Primary School	Follansbee
Debbie DeWees	McKinley Elementary School	Parkersburg
Josh Fix	Charleston Catholic High School	Charleston
Linda Fonner	New Martinsville Elementary School	New Martinsville
Rhonda Foreman	Martinsburg High School	Martinsburg
Joy Gaines	North Marion High School	Farmington
Robert Johnson	Fred W. Eberle Technical Center	Buckhannon
Ann Osburn	Buckhannon Academy Elementary School	Buckhannon
Ashley Shaw	Montcalm Elementary School	Rock

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

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