

Arch Coal Names 26 West Virginia Teachers Recipients of Golden Apple Awards

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Charleston, W. Va. (April 29, 2004) - Today, 26 West Virginia teachers were awarded Golden Apple Achiever certificates by Arch Coal, according to John R. Snider, the company's vice president for external affairs, eastern region.

The recipients of the Golden Apple Achiever award are:

Irma Roxanne Barazzone	Cheat Lake Elementary	Morgantown
Drema Bates	Logan Elementary	Logan
Louise Black	North Middle School	Martinsburg
Janet Bowland	Scarbro Elementary	Scarbro
Christine W. Cline	Gilbert High School	Gilbert
Helen Curry	Burch Middle School	Delbarton
Jim Dennis	Parkersburg High School	Parkersburg
Susan Duemberger	Dupont Middle School	Belle
Ann Funkhouser	East Hardy Early/Middle School	Baker
Mary Haynes	Crescent Elementary	Beckley
Pam Hotsinpieller	Bridgeport High	Bridgeport
Carole King-Reeves	Emerson Elementary	Parkersburg
Nancy McCord	Ritchie Elementary	Wheeling
Jana McGinnis	Scott Teays Elementary	Scott Depot
Carol Muniz	Morgantown High School	Morgantown
Julia Ann Pauley	Princeton Senior High	Princeton
Carolyn J. Plachta	North Marion High School	Farmington
Marsha Roberts	Cameron Elementary	Cameron
Dennis Sayre	Whitesville Elementary School	Whitesville
Judy Shultz	Hedgesville High School	Hedgesville
Rhonda Smalley	Cabell Midland High School	Ona
Debra Ann Sowards	Scott Teays Elementary	Scott Depot
Sue Steinbeck	Parkersburg High School	Parkersburg
Jill Stemple	Rock Cave Elementary	Rock Cave
Carol Sulphin	Emerson Elementary	Parkersburg
Richard Willis	Clay County High School	Clay

Snider said the recipients are being honored for their outstanding classroom teaching. These awards follow Arch Coal's announcement in February of its 10 Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award winners.

"These teachers' scores were among the highest in our program," said Snider. "None were more than three percentage points lower than some Teacher Achievement Award recipients. It was one of the closest scoring situations that our independent judges have faced in many years. Arch Coal certainly hopes all these superb teachers are nominated again and that they will again compete for the achievement award."

The Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award is the longest running, privately sponsored program in West Virginia. The program is unique because the general public nominates "great classroom teachers," while a blue ribbon panel - made up of peers and former award recipients - does the judging, according to Snider.

The West Virginia Department of Education, Governor's office, and West Virginia Education Association are partners in the program. Speedway supports the program by promoting nominations in its stores.

Arch Coal is the nation's second largest coal producer and mines clean-burning, low-sulfur coal exclusively. Approximately 2,000 people are employed at Arch's operations in West Virginia. The company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: ACI) and maintains its corporate headquarters in St. Louis.

Information about the Teacher Achievement Award recipients, as well as the Golden Apple recipients, is posted on the Arch Coal Web site: www.archcoal.com.