

16 Wyoming Teachers Receive 2010 Arch Coal Golden Apple Awards

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WRIGHT, Wyo., May 21, 2010 - Sixteen Wyoming classroom teachers have earned Arch Coal Golden Apple Achiever Awards, the Arch Coal Foundation announced today.

According to Greg Schaefer, Arch Coal, Inc., vice president of external affairs, western region, the Golden Apple awards are given to applicants in the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards program who scored exceptionally high and were close to receiving the top award.

"In the 10-year history of our teacher recognition program, this year's judging was significant because there were many high scores and an unusually large number of teachers who came extremely close to receiving the Achievement Award," reported Schaefer. "Wyoming is fortunate to have so many outstanding classroom teachers."

The 2010 Golden Apple recipients are:

Rebecca J. Adsit	Sheridan Junior High School	Sheridan
Melanie J. Boyes	CY Junior High School	Casper
Amy Carpenter	Cody Middle School	Cody
Donna Compton	Star Valley High School	Afton
Cynthia S. Farrell	Kelly Walsh High School	Casper
Eleanor E. Grinnell	Triumph High School	Cheyenne
J. L. Josephson	Newcastle High School	Newcastle
Stephany M. Loberg	Cody High School	Cody
Chad Lybeck	Central High School	Cheyenne
Lyniece McKim	Star Valley High School	Afton
Lemuel "Chip" Miller	Cody High School	Cody
Cheryl Kay Monroe	Encampment School K-12	Encampment
Molly S. Potas	Meeteetse School	Meeteetse
Cordelia S. Roberts	Big Horn Elementary School	Big Horn
Amy K. Sorensen	Crest Hill Elementary	Casper
LeAnn E. Uhling	Saratoga Elementary	Saratoga

The Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards program is unique because the public is asked to nominate teachers and then other teachers serve as the program's judges. "This process of public nomination and peer selection sets the Arch Coal program apart from any others," according to Schaefer. "The recipients of the Teacher Achievement Awards, as well as the Golden Apple Awards, are selected by an independent panel of peers composed of past recipients of the award."

Recently, the 10th annual awards ceremony was held at the State Capitol where the 2010 Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award recipients were honored. Since the awards program began in Wyoming, the Arch Coal Foundation has honored 100 exemplary classroom teachers and has provided \$270,000 in cash awards.

The Wyoming Department of Education, the Wyoming Education Association, the Wyoming library community, Taco John's and Loaf 'N Jug stores are longstanding supporters of the program. The Arch Coal Foundation also is a supporter of teacher-recognition programs in West Virginia, Utah and Colorado, as well as a number of other education-related causes.

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