

## Arch Coal Names 19 Wyoming Classroom Teachers Recipients of Golden Apple Awards

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Wright, Wyo. (May 26, 2004) - Arch Coal, Inc. today awarded Golden Apple Achiever certificates to 19 Wyoming classroom teachers, according to Greg Schaefer, the company's vice president for external affairs, western region.

The recipients of the Golden Apple Achiever award are:

John Aanestad	Riverton High School	Riverton
Kathy Christensen	Crest Hill Elementary	Casper
Patricia Cordonier	Dean Morgan Jr. High	Casper
Jennifer Doolin	Sheridan Junior High	Sheridan
Beverly Fast	Hot Springs City High School	Thermopolis
Deanne Gould	Upton High School	Upton
Dennis Johnson	Green River High School	Green River
Jeanne Konicek	Hudson Elementary	Hudson
Beth Kreuter	Sundance Elementary	Sundance
Sandra Lever	Expedition Academy	Green River
Cathy McAtee	Elk Mountain Elementary	Elk Mountain
Nancy McCullough	Sheridan Junior High	Sheridan
Paul Patterson	Newcastle Elementary School	Newcastle
Donna Perrin	Star Valley High School	Afton
Kirsten Rief	Hobbs Elementary School	Cheyenne
Corinne Sibrel	Grant Elementary	Glenrock
Charles Sweeney	Worland High School	Worland
Mary Anne Waba	Sunflower Elementary	Gillette
Susan J. Wilson	Central Middle School	Sheridan

Earlier this month, Arch Coal announced the 10 recipients of its Teacher Achievement Awards.

"These recipients of our Golden Apple Award were scored very highly by our judges," said Schaefer. "All 19 recipients of our Golden Apple Award were within three percentage points of being a Teacher Achievement Award recipient. In fact, the scoring was so close that several of these excellent classroom teachers were within a single percentage point of receiving our top award. I hope these fine teachers are nominated again and that they will again compete for the achievement award."

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, Schaefer said. He said next year's nomination forms should be available near the start of the school year.

Arch Coal is one of the nation's largest coal producers and employs approximately 650 people in Wyoming. Arch produces more than 65 million tons of clean-burning, low-sulfur coal annually at its Wyoming operations. The company's Black Thunder operation in Campbell County is one of the nation's largest and most efficient coal mines. Arch Coal is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: ACI) and maintains its corporate headquarters in St. Louis, Mo.

Information about the Teacher Achievement Award recipients, as well as the Golden Apple recipients, is posted at: [www.archcoal.com/community/teacherawards.asp](http://www.archcoal.com/community/teacherawards.asp).