

Arch Coal Gives Golden Apple Achiever Award to 19 West Virginia Teachers

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Charleston (April 30, 2003) – Arch Coal, Inc. today presented its “Golden Apple Achiever” award to 19 West Virginia teachers, according to John R. Snider, the company’s vice president for external affairs, eastern region.

“These 19 teachers’ composite scores were extremely close to those of the recipients of this year’s Teacher Achievement Awards,” said Snider. “In fact, our judges noted that determining the recipients of our 10 awards was extremely difficult because of the overall excellence of the applications.”

Teachers receiving Golden Apple Awards are:

Andrea Anderson	Weir High School	Weirton
Robin Beamer	Ceres Elementary School	Bluefield
Monica Beane	Braxton County Middle School	Sutton
Sherry Bochna	Mason-Dixon Elementary	Blacksville
Janet Bowland	Scarbro Elementary School	Scarbro
Rebecca Cablish	Alliance Christian School	Morgantown
Christine W. Cline	Gilbert High School	Gilbert
Anita Deck	Liberty High School	Glen Daniel
Aleda Hileman	Glade Elementary School	Cowen
Linda Hull	Flinn Elementary	Sissonville
Sara Jane Huntz	Peterson-Central School	Weston
Carol Mathis	Lakewood Elementary	St. Albans
Tony Nichols	Cherry River Elementary	Richwood
Gail Pukall	Grandview Elementary School	Charleston
Kathy Smith	Princeton Senior High School	Princeton
Kirsten Trunp	Hedgesville High	Hedgesville
Francie Vernon	Cross Lanes Christian School	Cross Lanes
Cathy Walker	Nutter Fort Intermediate	Nutter Fort
Pam Walling	Lumberport Middle School	Lumberport

“The Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards program is the longest running, privately sponsored teacher recognition program in West Virginia,” said Snider. “We honor these teachers for their excellence in the classroom and hope that they are nominated and apply for the awards again next year.

“Our judges, who are former recipients of the award, scored applications very strictly,” Snider said. “Yet, we still had a significant number of applicants who scored highly, and, in some cases, missed becoming recipients by a matter of fractions of a percentage point. What the high scores indicate, it seems to us, is that there are many, many great teachers in West Virginia who bring the magic of learning to their classrooms every day.”

The recipients of the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award were announced last month.

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.

Both the Teacher Achievement Awards and the Golden Apple Achiever Awards recipients are listed on the Arch Coal Web site: www.archcoal.com.