

10 Wyoming Educators Earn 2014 Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards

GILLETTE, Wyo., May 7, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- The Arch Coal Foundation named 10 outstanding Wyoming teachers today as recipients of the prestigious Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award. Now in its 14th year, it is Wyoming's longest-running, privately sponsored teacher recognition program.

The announcement was made by John W. Eaves, Arch Coal president and chief executive officer. He was accompanied by Gov. Matt Mead, First Lady Carol Mead and Wyoming Education Association President Kathy Vetter. The recipients were honored at a ceremony at Campbell County High School in Gillette.



The 2014 Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award recipients are:

Robert Clark Hill	Transitions Learning Center	Casper
Deyonne Michelle Jackson	Woods Learning Center	Casper
Chad Lemley	Wind River Elementary School	Pavillion
Christopher Lubken	Campbell County High School	Gillette
Michael Mahoney	Sage Valley Junior High School	Gillette
Jennifer Marie Mellizo	University of Wyoming Lab School	Laramie
Peggy Lynn Miller	Cody High School	Cody
Lisa Lorraine Pingrey	Douglas High School	Douglas
Teresa J. Strube	University of Wyoming Lab School	Laramie
Wayne Thomas Tuttle	Summit Elementary School	Casper

"Today, we celebrate the success of 10 outstanding Wyoming classroom teachers," Eaves said. "These individuals represent hundreds of professionals from across the state who strive daily to provide our young people with the kind of strong educational foundation upon which successful lives are built."

"Teachers work tirelessly not only to educate our children and serve our communities, but also to set an example as lifelong learners," Eaves continued. "Their efforts too often go unrecognized, so on behalf of Arch Coal and our nearly 1,800 employees working in Wyoming, I am pleased to congratulate these 10 teachers for their dedication to excellence."

"These teachers stand out and the students and colleagues who know them best have, in their recommendations, explained why they are truly exceptional," Mead said. "It is a pleasure to again join Arch Coal in honoring this year's winners. At the awards ceremony we hear directly from these teachers about their experiences and motivations, and each year I come away inspired."

"These educators are fantastic examples of the caliber of teachers we have in Wyoming," said Wyoming Education Association President Kathy Vetter. "These remarkable teachers challenge their students' abilities, as well as teach them how to succeed. These teachers are true champions of public education in Wyoming."

The public nominates teachers for the annual award, and a blue-ribbon panel of past award recipients selects the top 10. In addition to recognition, each teacher is presented with a \$3,500 unrestricted cash award, a distinctive trophy and a classroom plaque.

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

Information about each of today's 10 recipients, as well as past recipients, is posted at archteacherawards.com.

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