

ST. LOUIS, May 30, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Arch Coal recently named 10 outstanding Wyoming classroom teachers as recipients of the prestigious Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award. It is Wyoming's longest-running, privately sponsored teacher recognition program, now in its 17th year.

Each teacher was honored at a special assembly held in front of students, peers, family and friends at his or her individual school.

The 2017 Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award recipients are:

Lucas Dow	Kelly Walsh High School	Casper
Lindsey Freeman	H.E.M. Junior/Senior High School	Hanna
Tom Grogan	Natrona County High School	Casper
Katie Hernandez	Lovell High School	Lovell
Megan Moench	East High School	Cheyenne
Suzanne Moum Nelson	Casper Classical Academy	Casper
Laura Rigby	Uinta Meadows Elementary School	Evanston
Wanda Theobald	Pine Bluffs Elementary School	Pine Bluffs
Jessica Troftgruben	Newcastle Middle School	Newcastle
Heather Wetzel	Natrona County High School	Casper

"A state cannot have high-achieving students without first having excellent classroom teachers who make a difference in children's lives every day," said John W. Eaves, Arch's chief executive officer. "This year's 10 Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award recipients represent the many outstanding Wyoming educators who strive daily to mold our future leaders and to inspire them to live up to their highest potential. We are pleased to recognize these 10 educators for their significant and valuable contributions, and we congratulate them on their professionalism, commitment to high standards and unflagging enthusiasm for educating Wyoming's students."

The public nominates teachers for the annual award, and a blue-ribbon panel of past award recipients selects the top 10 from among all those completing the comprehensive and rigorous application process. In addition to the public recognition, each teacher is presented with a personal cash award and a distinctive trophy.

The Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards are supported in program promotion by the Office of the Governor, Wyoming Department of Education, the Wyoming Library Community, the Wyoming Education Association, and Taco John's.

Arch Coal has a long history of supporting educational and community causes in Wyoming &ndash; a key operating state for the company. It also supports a teacher recognition program in West Virginia.

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