

ST. LOUIS, May 30, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- [Arch Coal Inc.](#) recently named 10 outstanding West Virginia classroom teachers as recipients of the prestigious Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award. It is West Virginia's longest-running, privately sponsored teacher recognition program, now in its 28th 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:

Marcy Alwin	Hedgesville Middle School	Hedgesville
Alana Cunningham	Wood County Christian School	Williamstown
Chelsy Helmick	Sherrard Middle School	Wheeling
Karla Hilliard	Spring Mills High School	Martinsburg
Erica Pack	Stratton Elementary School	Beckley
Andrew Patrick	Morgantown High School	Morgantown
Catherine Shuman	Greenmont Elementary School	Vienna
Jeremiah Smallridge	Buckhannon-Upshur High School	Buckhannon
Mary Ann Testerman	Mingo Central High School	Delbarton
JoAnn White	Wheeling Park High School	Wheeling

"Outstanding student achievement begins with excellent classroom teaching," said John W. Eaves, Arch's chief executive officer. "These 10 individuals who were selected as this year's Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award recipients represent the hundreds of dedicated classroom teachers across West Virginia who strive daily to enrich the lives of their students. We are pleased to recognize them for their professionalism, commitment to excellence and diligence to ensure that each student achieves their full potential. We commend each of these educators for this well-deserved recognition, and wish them the best in their future endeavors."

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 West Virginia Department of Education, the West Virginia Education Association and the West Virginia Library Commission.

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

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