

Peabody Energy and Logos School Create 'Leaders in Education' to Honor Educators, Mentors Across St. Louis Region

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Peabody Energy and Logos School today announced the Peabody/Logos Leaders in Education initiative, a first-of-a-kind partnership to honor excellent educators and mentors across the greater St. Louis area.

Peabody has pledged \$450,000 dollars over three years to support the initiative. The gift includes funding for an educator/mentor recognition program in Missouri and Illinois and a grant to benefit the mission of Logos School. Civic leaders unveiled the initiative today at a press conference at Peabody's downtown St. Louis headquarters.

"We are proud to partner with Logos to honor the educators and mentors who do so much to develop our young people," said Gregory H. Boyce, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Peabody Energy. "A proactive, caring adult can have a profoundly positive affect on a child's life. The Leaders in Education program will highlight and honor those individuals who motivate our students on their educational journeys."

The first Leaders in Education award will be presented in September to an individual selected by a committee of leading academic, business and civic members. Each week another winner will be honored with a \$1,000 grant. Weekly honorees will be announced on KEZK 102.5 Radio and will be profiled bi-weekly in the pages of the St. Louis Business Journal.

The Peabody/Logos Leaders in Education recognition program is the first to be open to all applicants regardless of subject, grade or school. Any employee at a Missouri or Illinois public, charter or private school serving students in kindergarten through grade 12 can qualify. Winners can range from veteran teachers to individuals in non-traditional mentoring roles such as school administrators, school counselors or other staff members.

The program was designed to be inclusive and consistent with the mission of Logos School, according to Dr. David Thomas, Logos Chief Executive Officer and one of the architects of the program.

"At Logos, we have a saying: 'Our differences are what we have in common,' and we have designed the Leaders in Education program to celebrate all of the varied ways adults mentor children," said Thomas. "We believe anyone can positively influence a child, and every student can succeed. Nothing serves as a more powerful reminder of the importance of education than the first-hand accounts of young people who have fulfilled long-held dreams at Logos because an adult encouraged them. We hope this program will help inspire adults as well."

More information and applications are available at LogosSchool.org/Leaders.

Peabody Energy is the world's largest private-sector coal company, with 2008 sales of 256 million tons and \$6.6 billion in revenues. Its coal products fuel 10 percent of all U.S. electricity generation and 2 percent of worldwide electricity.

Logos School is an independent, alternative, therapeutic school in St. Louis. The school is dedicated to assisting students and their families with academic and emotional needs that have not been met in a traditional classroom. Founded in 1970, Logos has helped more than 1,400 at-risk adolescents to achieve a high school diploma. Logos School's unique program consists of strong, individualized academics, innovative therapy and parental involvement.

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