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Russell Named 2006 Mining Association of South Carolina “Miner of the Year”



Each year the Mining Association of South Carolina (MASC) recognizes an individual who has made outstanding contributions to mining in the state with the Miner of the Year Award. The award is given to a miner who has contributed in fields such as reclamation, resources conservation, mining operations and public service.

The winner of the MASC 2006 Miner of the Year Award is Allen Russell, the Engineering & Mine Manager for US Silica in Columbia, SC and Chairman of the MASC Education Committee. Russell, a native Floridian who grew up 30 miles from the shuttle launch pads, received his BA from the University of Central Florida in 1987. Russell began his career in mining 8 years ago. Russell also has a diploma from Midlands Technical Institute in Industrial Electricity and Electronics. Allen has been married to his wonderful wife Kim for thirteen years and they have three active sons.

The Mining Association of South Carolina consists of individuals, firms and corporations whose common interest is the development of mineral resources, in an environmentally sound manner, in the State of South Carolina. They advise and safeguard the business interests of the members through regulatory, legislative, public relations and educational programs. The Association promotes harmony within the industry and with the general public consistent with high standards of responsibility, skill and integrity.