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(Pierre) – The Pierre Educational Foundation will host its Evening of Excellence on Monday, May 1st at the Ramkota Convention Center. The event begins with a social hour at 5:30 pm followed by dinner and program beginning at 6:00 pm. BankWest is the presenting sponsor of the event.

The Evening of Excellence will recognize the top students of the 2017 graduating class as Scholars of Excellence. Each for these students have achieved a 3.75 grade point average or better through their academic career. The winners of the scholarships awarded by the Pierre Educational Foundation will also be announced. These scholarships include:

Charles "Lindy" and Shirley Feeney Scholarship (\$1,000)

Herbert and Irene Emde Family Scholarship (\$800)

Mortenson Family Scholarship (\$1,600)

Spilde Family Scholarship (\$1,000)

James and Gertrude Mueller Scholarship Fund (\$3,500)

The 2017 BankWest Scholarship winners will also be recognized at the event.

The Evening of Excellence will also recognize 23 educators nominated for the BankWest Educator of Excellence. The nominees are selected by the 2017 Scholars of Excellence. Nominations are based on the educator's impact on the education and lives of the students. The winner of the 2017 BankWest Educator of Excellence will receive \$1,500 sponsored by BankWest.

The Evening of Excellence will include a pre-dinner performance by the T. F. Riggs Chamber Choir under the direction of Rodd Bauck. Tickets for the event are available from the Foundation by calling 224-9016.

The 2017 Scholars of Excellence and BankWest Educator of Excellence Nominees are attached.

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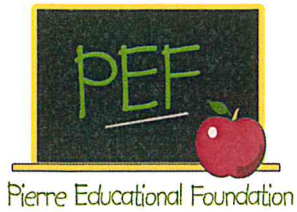
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2017 Scholars of Excellence

Harrison Armstrong
Evan Becker
Hannah Booth
Caryn Brakke
Cassidy Carda
Haley Dorschner
Shelby Guthrie
Carlie Hanson
Nathanael Hill
Aaron Hoelscher
Elizabeth Hopper
Brody Hultman
Alyssa Iedema
Amanda Jandt
Hallie Jerome
Madison Jones
Brooke Miller
Stephanie Nelson

Aarne Nixon
Nolan Ortbahn
Meagan Potrzeba
Amanda Pugh
Matthew Pugh
Madelyn Reinke
Sierrah Schlekeway
Avery Schroer
Hannah Shaffer
Elena Svingen
Moina Syed
Danielle Ullmann
Andrew Van Gerpen
Jessica Weber
Brooke Wiest
Raegan Winder
Nathan Zimmerman



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2017 BankWest Educator of Excellence Nominees

Jayson Poppinga
Samantha Schuetzle
Jay Schwartz
Chad Kringel
Harvey "Skip" Kurth
Kim Rogers
Kim Bierle
Amber Stout
Pat Cordell-Kramer
Roger Edwards
Tom Rogers
Wade Kippley
Dan Snyder
Elizabeth Vogt
Guy Hunter
Hyrma Zakahi
Jay Mickelson
Jeff Dykstra
Kate Olson
Lisa Starr
Mr. Kelly Brandt
Mr. Kim Kahler
Mr. Rodd Bauck