



# Pierre Educational Foundation

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(Pierre) – The Pierre Educational Foundation will host its Evening of Excellence on Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Ramkota Convention Center. The event begins with a social hour at 5:00 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 2018 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)

Schliessmann Family Scholarship (\$4,000)

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

The Evening of Excellence will also recognize 24 educators nominated for the BankWest Educator of Excellence. The nominees are selected by the 2018 Scholars of Excellence. Nominations are based on the educator's impact on the education and lives of the students. The winner of the 2018 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 Jazz Band under the direction of MacKenzie McKeithan Jensen and an art display by the students competing in the state art competition under the direction of Jill Kokesh. Tickets for the event are \$25 and are available from the Foundation by calling 224-9016.

The 2018 Scholars of Excellence and the 2018 BankWest Educator of Excellence Nominees are attached.

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