



# Pierre Educational Foundation

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(Pierre) – The Pierre Educational Foundation hosted its annual Evening of Excellence on Thursday May 2nd at the Ramkota Convention Center.

The Evening of Excellence recognized the top students of the 2019 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 were announced at the event. These scholarships went to:

Charles "Lindy" and Shirley Feeney Scholarship (\$1,000) – Frank Becker  
Herbert and Irene Emde Family Scholarship (\$1,000) – Ellie Richards  
Mortenson Family Scholarship (\$1,600) – Miranda Cerdillo  
Spilde Family Scholarship (\$2,000) – Annabelle Simpson  
James and Gertrude Mueller Scholarship Fund (\$3,500) – Jordon Thompson  
Schliessmann Family Scholarship (\$4,000) – Jordon Thompson

The 2019 BankWest Scholarship winners will also be recognized at the event. These winners included: Carly Bowman and Jordan Thompson.

The Evening of Excellence also recognized 16 educators nominated for the BankWest Educator of Excellence. The nominees are selected by the 2019 Scholars of Excellence. Nominations are based on the educator's impact on the education and lives of the students. The winner of the 2019 BankWest Educator of Excellence was Kelly Brandt. Brandt was recognized for his outstanding contributions to the students in the Pierre School District with a \$1,500 award sponsored by BankWest.

The Evening of Excellence included a pre-dinner performance by the T. F. Riggs Chamber Choir under the direction of Rodd Bauck and an art display by the students under the direction of Jill Kokesh.

The 2019 Evening of Excellence was sponsored by BankWest, Boyd Conzemius Agency, East Pierre Garden Center, May Adam Law Firm, Riter, Rogers, Watttler & Northrup Law Firm, and Stulken, Petersen, Lingle, Walti & Jones.

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