

From the General Manager - Blake Callaham



Good day! I hope everyone is enjoying the tail end of summer. I'm sure you, like me, can't wait for the cooler weather of fall. I have always loved the view of Oklahoma's trees as they start their miraculous color-changing process, but I am most excited about seeing our local football teams out on the field! There's nothing like a high school football game to pull a community together. As we look forward to fall, I can't help but be reminded of the many blessings and gifts I've had this year.

Pioneer celebrated our 70th anniversary and in doing so, we are thankful for the attendance at our historical Annual Meeting where over 900 Cooperative members exercised their right to vote on important membership by-laws. With your support, we were able to modernize your ability to vote via drive-by ballot. We also were able to serve each person a wonderful BBQ lunch and give over \$4,000 in cash to multiple members in attendance.

Thank you to those that were able to attend, and if you didn't get to experience the 2023 version, I am sure our 71st Annual Meeting in 2024 needs to be added to your calendar next year.

The future of Western Oklahoma is of great importance to Pioneer and we believe preparing our future leaders through education or career tech skills is a great way to contribute to our membership. We would like to congratulate our 2023 recipients:

District 3 - Rachel Mitchell of Frederick

District 4 - Elijah Motley of Hollis

District 5 - Keziah Grant of Blanchard

District 5 Technology - Jennavive Corley of Blanchard

District 6 - Kinley Rendon of Comanche

District 7 - Rhett Glazier of Loyal

District 9 - Trent Fisher of Crescent

District 10 - Elizabeth Perdue of Kingfisher

District At-Large - Madison Moeller of Dover

I always enjoy reading the GoPioneer articles highlighting former scholarship winners and I look forward to reading the 2023 version in the upcoming year. Congratulations to all the 2023 Career Technology and College Scholarship winners! We wish the best of luck to you in the upcoming semesters.

Well, guess what October brings in addition to cooler weather and some fun Halloween activities? Cooperative Appreciation Month!

Yes, being a Cooperative is such a cool thing that it takes a whole month to celebrate it. On a serious note, as a Cooperative, we recognize that we would not be able to do the things we do and provide the service we do without each and every one of our members.

The Cooperative model is unique in today's world, but we would not have it any other way. We believe that working together gives us strength and the ability to "Connect What Matters" in areas of Oklahoma that would not have the connectivity otherwise. Thank you all for your support and we look forward to serving you for many years to come.

Speaking of important people and members—Pioneer will be celebrating employees on October 6, 2023 and will be closing our business offices.

We believe in providing a positive Customer Experience, which means it's vital that we provide a memorable and impactful Employee Experience. Our employees are a direct reflection of who we are and what we do, which is why we reserve a whole day to celebrate our employees and have a little fun.

Thank you for understanding and if you are curious about the fun events throughout the Employee Appreciation Day, feel free to stop by one of our 25 local business offices and ask them for more details.

Blake Callaham
General Manager

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ANNUAL MEETING RECAP



Thank You for attending our 2023 ANNUAL MEETING!

Thanks to YOU, our members, and our wonderful Employees, Pioneer met quorum! We were able to make several important By-Law changes to help make our Annual Meetings more accessible in the future.

We hope you had a great time and that we'll see you in May 2024!



2023-2024 Pioneer Scholars

District No. 3

Rachel Mitchell of Frederick
Southwestern Oklahoma State
University
Major: Elementary Education

District No. 4

Elijah Motley of Hollis
Oklahoma Baptist University
Major: Graphic Design

District No. 5

Keziah Grant of Blanchard
Southern Nazarene University
Major: Music Education

District No. 5 - Technology Center

Jennavive Corley of Blanchard
Francis Tuttle
Major: Respiratory Care

District No. 6

Kinley Rendon of Comanche
Cameron University
Major: Cellular and Molecular Biology

District No. 7

Rhett Glazier of Loyal
Oklahoma State University
Major: Agribusiness

District No. 9

Trent Fisher of Crescent
Oklahoma State University
Major: Applied Exercise Science
(Physical Therapy or Chiropractic)

District No. 10

Elizabeth Perdue of Kingfisher
Oklahoma State University
Major: Agricultural Communications &
Agribusiness Pre-Law

District At-Large

Madison Moeller of Dover
Baylor University
Major: Entrepreneurship

LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE SCHOLARS IN

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CONGRATULATIONS!
to the OTA Scholarship
Recipients!

Peyton Pierson

Dynton Townsend

Shada Burt

Alexis Lovell

Kase Simon

Laura Liebl

Brylee Catlett

Madysen Ryel

Rachel Stout

Ben Rehman

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1. Pioneer's Employee Meeting is on October 6.

- ☐ True
☐ False

2. Pioneer's Annual Employee Meeting is important for the Cooperative.

- ☐ True
☐ False

3. Pioneer will be closed on October 6 to celebrate and educate our employees.

- ☐ True
☐ False

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