

From the General Manager - Blake Callaham



I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful summer and made memories that will last a lifetime. Whether it was spending time at the lake, enjoying outdoor sports, or just relaxing on a beach somewhere, life is about experiences, and I hope you've had plenty so far in 2025. Let's take a moment to reflect and celebrate some incredible achievements across western Oklahoma. From numerous FFA honors, multiple Academic All State recipients, yearbook staff excellence awards, and sports championships throughout the western part of our great state, we are extremely proud to be a part of your communities. Our mission is to serve you in whatever capacity you need—whether that be providing fiber connectivity to enhance your daily lives through virtual education, streaming entertainment, online gaming, remote work, telehealth, or simply connecting you to your family and loved ones in a way that feels like they are sitting right beside you. This is who we are and what we do, and I can proudly say it will never change.

Scholarship Recipients

Speaking of transformation, we are excited to announce the 2025 Pioneer scholarship winners. The power of education and perspective will lead our state into the next generation, and we are honored to assist in the process.

District 1 - Jackson Feely of Okeene

District 2 Technology - Tucker West of Fargo

District 4 - Jack Wootton of Carter

District 5 - Landon Jirak of Blanchard

District 6 - Calin Martin of Comanche

District 7 - Eva Detrick of Ringwood

District 8 - Macyn Anne Thomas of Nash

District 8 Technology - Emma Armstrong of Nash

District 10 - Megan Eischen of Kingfisher

District 11 Technology - Kale Smith of Geary

District 12 - Elizabeth Prince of Newcastle

District At-Large - Alexis Lovell of Covington

Celebrating Cooperative Month by Cooperation among Cooperatives

October is Cooperative Month, and this year we're putting extra emphasis on what it means to be part of a cooperative. Cooperation among Cooperatives has never been more pertinent, as we have forged joint partnerships with electric cooperatives such as Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, CentraNet, and Cimarron Electric Cooperative, and we are pursuing more opportunities to show the technology industry the power of the cooperative mentality.

We will host our traditional customer appreciation week on October 6th-9th, where you can update your customer information and receive an amazing cooler bag. Please stop by and say "Hi" to our wonderful customer experience team and find out what is new with Pioneer! The future is technology, and that is exactly what we are focused on. Western Oklahoma is in good hands with Pioneer Fiber, and the best is yet to come. Artificial Intelligence, holographic applications, Augmented Reality,

Quantum Computing, or whatever else comes next—we are here to ensure you have the best experience regardless of the technology. Pioneer's evolution naturally leads us to being a transformative technology solutions company, and that is exactly who we are and what we do.

Employee Meeting

At Pioneer, we consider every employee part of our extended family. And what does a family love to do? Gather!

Our annual Employee Meeting will be held on October 10, 2025. As in years past, our business offices will be closed for the day to allow all employees to participate.

We recently launched Project Lightspeed (Strategic Plan 2030) and are excited to dive a little deeper into our vision of being your technology partner, enabling your world. What does that mean? It means you will have access to the world—and future worlds—by leveraging Pioneer Fiber to deliver an experience that excites you and assures you that your connection is world-class.

Pioneer has evolved from a telephone company born in 1953 to a broadband company over the last 72 years, and we are excited for the next transformative technology that will enhance our daily lives and improve our quality of life. Although that new technology is still a mystery, we know our fiber foundation will ensure you have the capacity to adopt any innovative opportunity or product that emerges. We are passionate about innovation and ready to be your technology solutions partner for many years to come.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update. We're grateful for your continued support and partnership.

Have a fantastic rest of your day!

Blake Callaham
General Manager



2025-2026 Pioneer Scholars

District No. 1

Jackson Feely of Okeene
Northwestern Oklahoma State
University
Major: Math

District No. 6

Calin Martin of Comanche
OSU Institute of Technology
Major: Automotive Service Technology

District No. 10

Megan Eischen of Kingfisher
Southwest Christian University
Major: Kinesiology

District No. 2 - Technology Center

Tucker West of Fargo
High Plains Technology Center
Major: Business & Marketing

District No. 7

Eva Detrick of Ringwood
University of Oklahoma
Major: Pre-Radiologic Tech/Radiography

District No. 11 - Technology Center

Kale Smith of Geary
OSU Institute of Technology - Okmulgee
Major: Instrumentation Engineering

District No. 4

Jack Wootton of Carter
Southwestern Oklahoma State
University
Major: Business Accounting

District No. 8

Macyn Anne Thomas of Nash
University of Central Oklahoma
Major: Nutrition, Dietetics & Food
Management

District No. 12

Elizabeth Prince of Newcastle
University of Oklahoma
Major: Aerospace Engineering

District At-Large

Alexis Lovell of Covington
Oklahoma State University
Major: Communication Science &
Disorders

District No. 5

Landon Jirak of Blanchard
Oklahoma State University
Major: Mechanical & Aerospace
Engineering

District No. 8 - Technology Center

Emma Armstrong of Nash
Autry Technology Center
Major: Cosmetology

Thank You for attending our 2025 ANNUAL MEETING!

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our 2025 Annual Meeting! Though we didn't have any By-Laws to approve, we love getting the chance to meet and interact with our Members!

We hope you had a great time and that we'll see you in May 2026!



LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE SCHOLARS IN

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CONGRATULATIONS!
to the OTA Scholarship
Recipients!

Adah Anderman
Grant Biggers
Ava Britton
Brylee Catlett
Chandler Copeland
Coleman Gilles
Grady Goodman
Laney Liebl
Alexis Lovell

Ellie Marshall
Chesni Newkirk
Emma Price
Masen Ryel
Madysen Ryel
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1. Pioneer's Employee Meeting is on October 10.

- True
 False

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

- True
 False

3. Pioneer will be closed on October 10 to celebrate and educate our employees.

- True
 False

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