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### **Pioneer Communications Awards \$5,000 to Area Graduates**

Pioneer Communications has selected five outstanding high school seniors as recipients of the 2007 Earl B. Williams and Joseph B. Chilen Memorial Scholarships. This year, a total of five \$1,000 academic scholarships have been awarded through the program to advance the educational opportunities of youth in southwestern Kansas.

Daniele Bennett, daughter of Carolyn Bennett, has been awarded the Pioneer Communications Joseph B. Chilen Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Bennett, a graduating senior of Syracuse High School, plans to attend Garden City Community College this fall to begin studies in Cosmetology.

Brooke Denton, daughter of Cynthia Denton, has been awarded the Pioneer Communications Joseph B. Chilen Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Denton, a graduating senior of Rolla High School, plans to pursue studies in Biology at Sterling College this fall.

Rafael Esser, son of James and Elvira Esser, has been awarded the Pioneer Communications Joseph B. Chilen Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Esser, a graduating senior of Ulysses High School, plans to attend WyoTech in Laramie, Wyoming, to pursue studies in Automotive Technology, Repair and Refinishing.

Benjamin Fuentes, son of Benjamin and Laura Fuentes, has been awarded the Pioneer Communications Earl B. Williams Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Fuentes, a graduating senior of Satanta High School, will attend the University of Kansas this fall to pursue a degree in Computer Science.

Yates Musgrove, son of Pam Musgrove, has been awarded the Pioneer Communications Earl B. Williams Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Musgrove, a graduating senior of Hugoton High School, has plans to continue his education with a degree in Physical Therapy, followed by post-graduate pursuit of a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic.

The Earl B. Williams and Joseph B. Chilen Memorial Scholarships are awarded annually to graduating high school seniors in the Pioneer Communications service area. The scholarships are provided in honor of the memory and service of the cooperative association's former President of the Board of Directors, Earl Williams, and former General Manager, Joseph Chilen.

More information on the scholarship program is available at Pioneer Communications' website at [www.pioncomm.net/scholarships](http://www.pioncomm.net/scholarships).

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