

# Community Icon, Pioneer Bank, Named Among Top 3 Extraordinary Banks in U.S.A

Pioneer Bank, a local southern Minnesota icon, was just named one of the top three extraordinary banks in the United States by the Institute for Extraordinary Banking®.

Pioneer Bank was recognized with the Institute's Overall Excellence Banky® Award for exemplary performance in five areas of banking – philanthropy, customer service, thought leadership, workplace culture and financial literacy education. Pioneer Bank was also named a finalist for the 2016 Extraordinary Banking™ Award – the top banking honor in the nation.

"The role of a community bank is to be a partner with the communities they serve. Our ownership and staff are 'all in' on that commitment. This recognition is a reflection of the effectiveness of that partnership," said Pioneer Bank CEO David Krause. "To be recognized as one of the top three community banks in the country is humbling and motivates us to make an even greater commitment to make our communities better in the years ahead."

The Extraordinary Banking™ Awards exist to highlight the vital, yet often overlooked, role that local, community banks play in our economy. Consumers use the Grammys to guide their music purchases, the Emmys lead them to the best of television, and the Tonys highlight outstanding live theater...

And now, consumers have the Banky® Awards as their guide to discovering the very best, most extraordinary banks in their communities, and in the country.

This year, the Bankys recognized the top 1 percent, just 60 of the 6000 community banks in America. The Banky is the Mark of Excellence for Community Banks.

Watch our video [here](#). For more information, and to see other videos and downloadable photos from the awards, go to [BankyAwards.com](#). To schedule an interview or get more information, call 507-317-1923 during business hours.

