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**Jennifer Mathistad, Pioneer Bank, Graduates from the  
Minnesota Bankers Association Leadership Development Academy**

June 13, 2023 (St. James, MN)—Pioneer Bank is pleased to announce the graduation of Jennifer Mathistad from the Minnesota Bankers Association (MBA) Leadership Development Academy on May 18, 2023. This year, a total of 25 bankers successfully graduated from this year-long program, which provides extensive skill-building to equip bankers for vital leadership roles within their banks. “The MBA Leadership Development Academy requires a significant commitment to professional and personal growth” said Joe Witt, MBA President/CEO. “It is intensive and challenging. Graduates of this program should be very proud of this accomplishment and their determination to grow as individuals and bank leaders.”

The MBA established the Leadership Development Academy to provide supplementary training for the upcoming generation of bank leaders in Minnesota. Pioneer Bank celebrates its second consecutive year of staff members graduating from the Academy.

“This program offers our leaders an immediate growth opportunity and enhances our capacity to foster strong leadership.” said David Krause, President and CEO of Pioneer Bank. “We take immense pride in Jenn's program completion, and we eagerly anticipate the positive influence this experience will bring to our bank and the community we are dedicated to serving.”

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**About Pioneer Bank**

Pioneer Bank is a community bank with nine locations throughout southern Minnesota including Mankato, North Mankato, St. James, St. Peter, Madelia, Mapleton, Lewisville, and Lake Crystal. Pioneer Bank offers expertise in personal, business and agribusiness banking with bankers and staff that provide experience that is unparalleled. Pioneer Bank is very active in the communities they serve and was a finalist in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2022 for the Extraordinary Banking Award, a national organization that marks the excellence for the best banks in America. In addition, Pioneer Bank has been named one of the Top Workplaces in Minnesota by the Star Tribune numerous times. For more information visit [www.bankwithpioneer.com](http://www.bankwithpioneer.com). Member FDIC.

*The Minnesota Bankers Association is the state's largest trade association devoted exclusively to representing commercial banks. The MBA was founded in 1889 and represents 95% of Minnesota's chartered banks. The MBA is proud to support our member banks as they work to ensure vibrant communities throughout the state. For more information, please visit our website at [www.minnbankers.com](http://www.minnbankers.com).*

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