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Toombs County High Graduate, Sponsored by Pineland Telephone, Receives one of 34 National Scholarship Awards

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) announced awards of \$87,000 in college scholarships to 34 students in rural communities served by members of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association. The FRS College Scholarship Program awards one-time scholarships to students from rural America for their first year of college, university, or vocational-technical school. Each student is sponsored by an NTCA member company.

Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. sponsored Trevor Sconyers from Lyons, Georgia and is proud to announce he was chosen as one of nineteen FRS Scholarship recipients. Trevor attends Toombs County High School and is the son of Shannon Sconyers, Leah Farrow, and Christy Terwilliger. He is active in FCCLA, including representing Georgia as a state officer, is a National Teen Influencer for Teens in the Driver's Seat, a Lead Actor and Stage Manager for Bulldog Theater, a member of the Beta Club, and the People's Bank Student Leadership Board. Trevor has over 200 community service hours to date. Trevor plans to study a dual major in Secondary and Mathematics education with a minor in Spanish at Georgia Southern University. The only recipient from Georgia, Trevor will receive a scholarship of \$2,500.

While the delivery of the scholarships award is slightly different this year, Trevor remains very appreciative and states, "I am thankful to be receiving this scholarship and to Pineland Telephone for sponsoring me. It is so amazing to see people investing in youth and rural communities; it is truly something needed in the world."

"We are extremely honored to learn that Trevor was selected as one of the FRS Scholarship winners", says General Manager, Dustin Durden. "Trevor is a motivated and engaged young man with a bright future ahead, and we wish him the best in his upcoming endeavors."

"It is a privilege for FRS to have a small role in supporting the continued education of these students through our scholarship program," said FRS Executive Director Pam Decker. "Every applicant was impressive and demonstrated a deep knowledge of and dedication to their rural communities. We thank all our donors for making this scholarship program possible year after year."

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Pineland's mission is to offer an outstanding customer experience through the efficient delivery of progressive technology solutions in the markets served. We will achieve this mission by applying our Core Values of Excellence, Integrity, Innovation, and a Servant's Heart in everything we do.

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), in cooperation with NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association and its members, seeks to sustain and enhance the quality of life in rural America by advancing an understanding of rural issues. FRS is committed to educational achievement in rural communities, recognizing that tomorrow's economic and civic development depends on the involvement and commitment of today's youth. Visit us at www.frs.org.

NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association is the premier association representing nearly 850 independent, community-based telecommunications companies that are leading innovation in rural and small-town America. In an era of transformative technological advancements, regulatory challenges and marketplace competition, NTCA members are leading the technological evolution for rural consumers, delivering robust and high-quality services over future-proof networks that make rural communities vibrant places in which to live and do business. Because of their efforts, rural America is fertile ground for innovation in economic development, e-commerce, health care, agriculture and education, and it contributes billions of dollars to the U.S. economy each year. Visit us at www.ntca.org.



Trevor Sconyers, Toombs County High School Senior 2020 & FRS Scholarship Recipient

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