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The University of Montana to Receive \$373,411 in Acce\$\$ Grant Funds from SAF

The University of Montana (UM) will receive \$373,411 in Acce\$\$ Grant funds from nonprofit Student Assistance Foundation (SAF) on Saturday, Oct. 1. Since 2000, the school has received \$2.8 million through this program.

Dr. Royce Engstrom, UM president, and Kent McGowan, UM financial aid director, will accept the award from SAF representatives including Kelly Cresswell, vice president of Foundation Activities, Nolan Glueckert, campus outreach manager, and Darbie Hess, grants manager. The award ceremony will take place during UM's Homecoming game against Northern Colorado at Washington Grizzly Stadium.

Acce\$\$ Grants are awarded each year by SAF through financial aid offices at all Montana postsecondary schools, including tribal and private institutions, and two-year and four-year schools. The amount awarded to each school is determined by enrollment numbers. Financial aid officers use the grants to help students in need pay for their education. Individual award amounts vary by individual and are determined by the financial aid office.

This year, the total award amount being distributed to colleges and universities is \$1.25 million, bringing the grand total of Acce\$\$ funds provided by SAF since the program's inception in 2000 to \$9.47 million.

Student Assistance Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Montana corporation that provides students with knowledge and tools to pursue and fund their postsecondary education. Funds generated by SAF are returned to Montanans in the form of education grants and public benefit programs - to date more than \$22.4 million. For more information, visit www.safmt.org or www.smartaboutcollege.org.