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SAF to Surprise Belgrade High School Student Winners March 17

(BELGRADE) Nonprofit Student Assistance Foundation (SAF) will be at Belgrade High School at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17 to surprise four students with scholarships and other prizes.

SAF Vice President of Foundation Activities Kelly Cresswell will award Samuel Asher, Taylor Jacobs, and Tyler Davis with \$500 scholarships to use at the accredited postsecondary institution of their choice. These students' names were entered in a drawing for completing an online survey after participating in a recent College Goal Montana event. In all, 15 of these scholarships were awarded to students from throughout Montana.

In addition, Cresswell will present Meghan Batey with a new laptop and Keurig coffeemaker for being the grand prize winner of SAF's "I Pledge" contest. Batey and more than 650 other Montana students returned cards to SAF, pledging to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the priority deadline of March 1.

"It's SAF's great pleasure to reward these students for taking an active role in their postsecondary education by completing the FAFSA by the priority deadline," Cresswell said.

Other College Goal Montana scholarship winners include: Addie Lewis, Bozeman; Cody Connolly, Billings; Cooper Olson, Westby; Danielle Kittelmann, Ekalaka; Isaiah Asencio, Pablo; John Swendseid, Bozeman; Kaydee Borchers, Polson; Liam McCarvel, Butte; Marcus Wuensche, Hamilton; Stephanie Conrad, Butte; Taylir Fairbank, Columbia Falls; and Zion Red Star, Hardin.

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