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SAF Announces 63 Winners of 2015 Circle of Succe\$\$ Scholarships

Sixty-three Montana students received the news recently that they were the winners of \$1,000 Circle of Succe\$\$ scholarships from nonprofit Student Assistance Foundation (SAF), bringing the total amount of funds distributed through this program to \$612,000.

Of those scholarships, 38 were awarded to Montana postsecondary students with plans to continue their education in the 2015-16 academic year. An additional 25 scholarships were provided to high school seniors attending one of the 53 Graduation Matters Montana (GMM) schools, and members of Superintendent Denise Juneau's GMM Student Advisory Board.

"It is through scholarship programs like Circle of Succe\$\$ that postsecondary education becomes more affordable for Montana students," said Kelly Cresswell, SAF's vice president of Foundation Activities. "Congratulations to all of our winners."

While the traditional Circle of Succe\$\$ scholarship program has been assisting Montana students since 2003, 2015 marks the first year that Circle of Succe\$\$ funds have been designated for GMM students.

"Graduation Matters Montana is about more than graduating students from high school, it's also about preparing them for the next steps in their lives," said Superintendent Juneau. "Our partnership with SAF is helping to make the dream of a college education more accessible for Montana students."

The Circle of Succe\$\$ scholarship program is near and dear to the hearts of SAF employees because it was originally funded solely through SAF employee donations. Today, SAF uses the proceeds from fundraising efforts including the annual golf scramble, Running Amuck for Scholarship Bucks, and private donations to supplement the effort.

More information about Graduation Matters Montana and the list of participating schools can be found at: <http://graduationmatters.mt.gov>.

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 \$29.6 million. For more information, visit www.safmt.org or www.SmartAboutCollege.org.

Circle of Succe\$\$ Class of 2015

Jennifer Keller Anaconda
Sara Forbes Avon
Gabrielle Niemi Billings
Sarah Linkenhoker Billings
Shelby Swanson Billings
Shelby Pollington-Houska Bozeman
Virginia Nollmeyer Bozeman
Kendall Alley Butte
Ann Harapat Columbia Falls

Jessica Ream Columbia Falls
Bridgette Oberweiser Drummond
Katie Townsend Fairfield
Madyson Klapmeier Forsyth
Ganetta Ryster Great Falls
Sydne Frohberg Great Falls
Jessie Marreel Great Falls
Amanda Pagels Helena
Baird Linke Helena

Christine Patten Helena
Taylor Aune Hobson
Anna French Hobson
Derrick Criner Kalispell
Cierra Collier Kalispell
James Cutler Kalispell
Trent Burton Kalispell
Stephanie Kolb Laurel
Amber Strouf Lewistown
Juliana Sukut Livingston

Madison Owens McAllister
Allison Trent Missoula
Rachel Hawkins Missoula
Jolene Spotted Bear Pryor
Conner Van Dyken Raynesford
Morgan Andres St. Ignatius
Hayley Fretheim Shelby
Shelby Cooper Superior
Bailey Escott Twin Bridges
Steve Piippo Whitehall

SAF/GMM Circle of Success Class of 2015

Amanda Andres Arlee
Zachary Felsman Arlee
Gregory Hall Browning
Maria Michelotti Butte
Shera Wanner Butte
Colter Brustkern Clancy
Erin Minard Clancy
Olivia Ramstad Columbia Falls
Kylan Allison Cut Bank
Gina Williams Eureka
Kimberly Ekberg Great Falls
Taylor Canright Helena
Shiloh Skillen-Robison Hysham

Kaitlyn Presnell Kalispell
Savannah Sletten Laurel
Tanner Hoff Lonepine
Bryan Claypool Miles City
Timothy (Timmy) Regan Miles City
Baylee Everett Missoula
Ryan Mason Missoula
Kaelen Wall Polson
Taylor Rost Polson
Katie Benson Stevensville
Gregory Wadsworth Thompson Falls
Jordan Smith Wolf Point

